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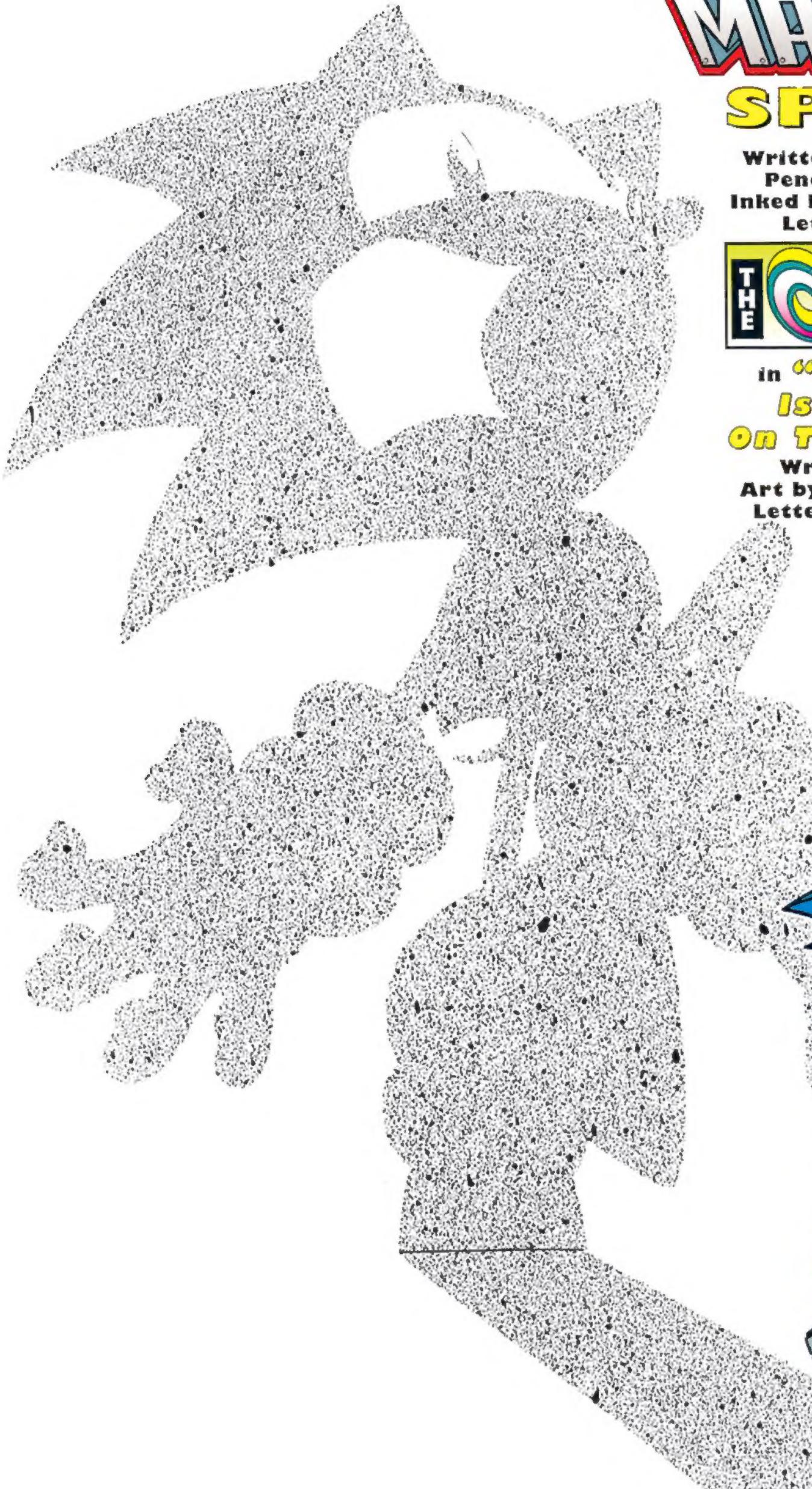
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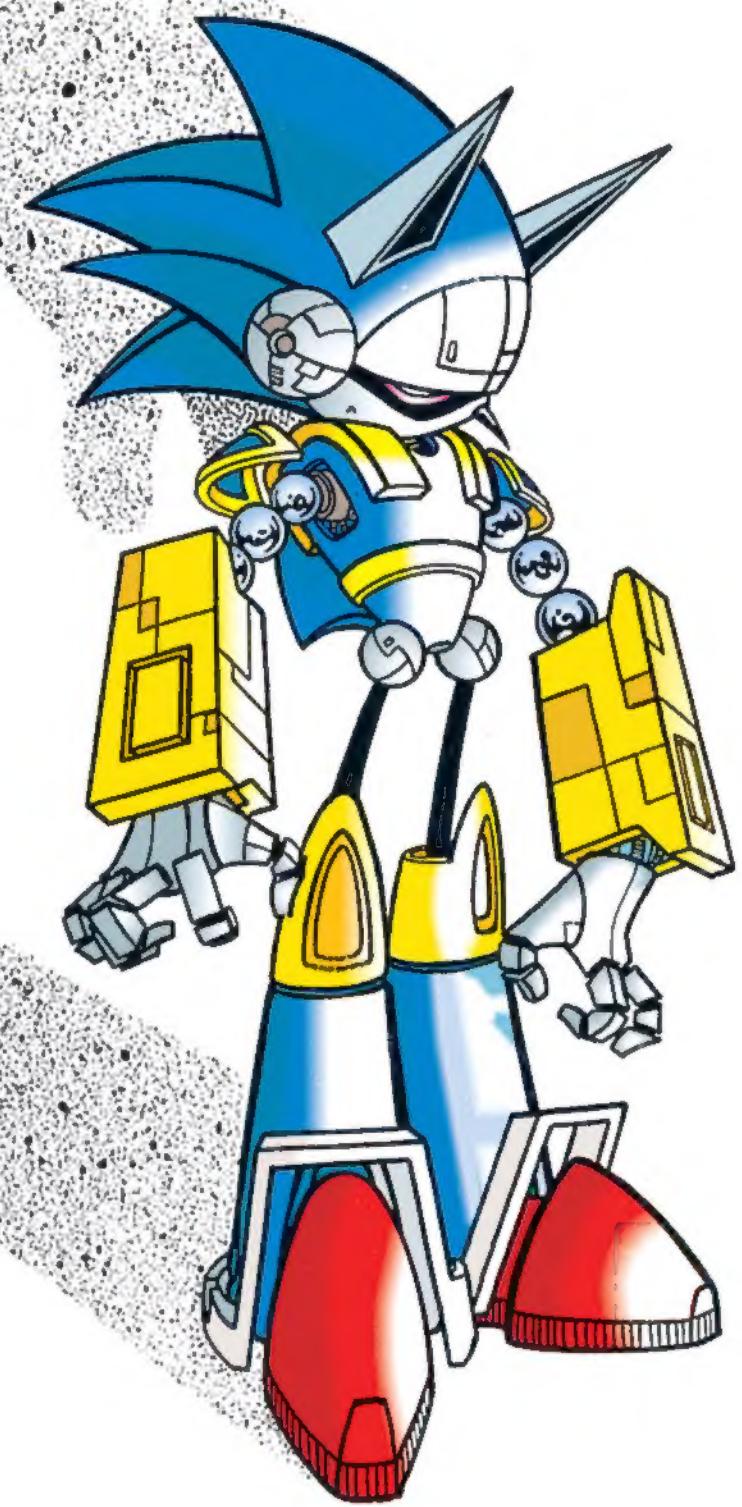
SONIC & KNUCKLES: MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL

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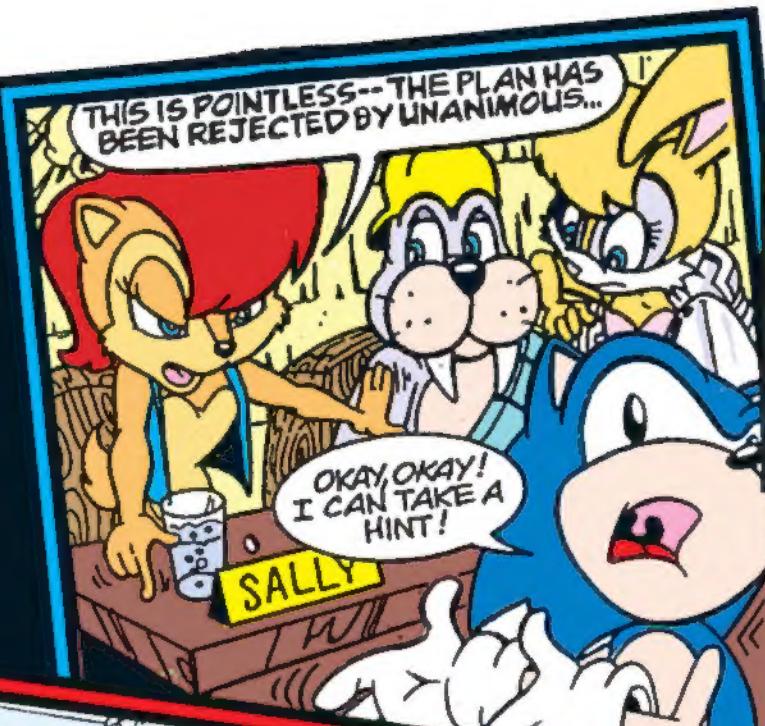
in "Don't Let The
Island Hit You
on The Way Down!"

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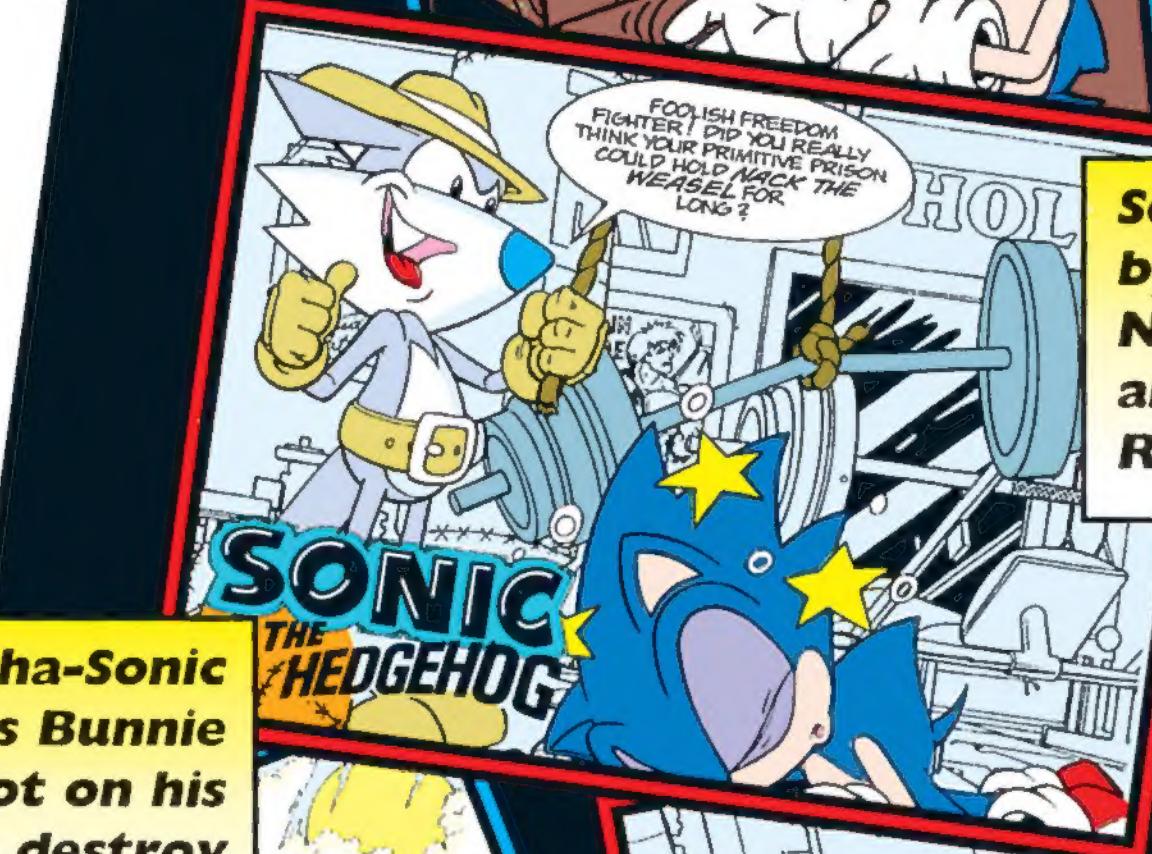


RECAP

Trading Cards*



Sonic's request to allow himself to be roboticized is rejected by the Knothole Council.

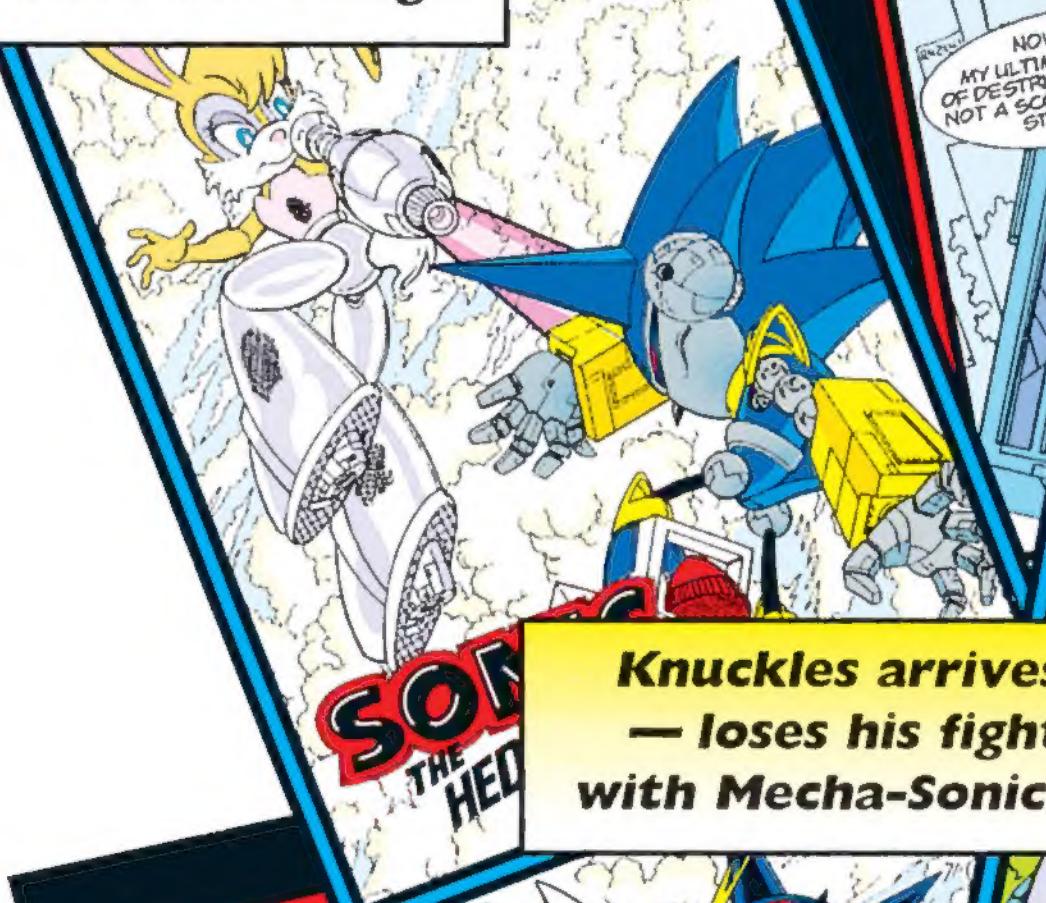


Sonic is ambushed by escaped convict, Nack the Weasel, and taken to Robotropolis.

Mecha-Sonic battles Bunnie Rabbott on his way to destroy Knothole Village!



Robotnik finally creates the "real" Mecha-Sonic.



Knuckles arrives — loses his fight with Mecha-Sonic.



Is this the end of the Freedom Fighters?

*Describing events in Sonic #39

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IS ABOUT TO TRASH
KNOTHOLE!

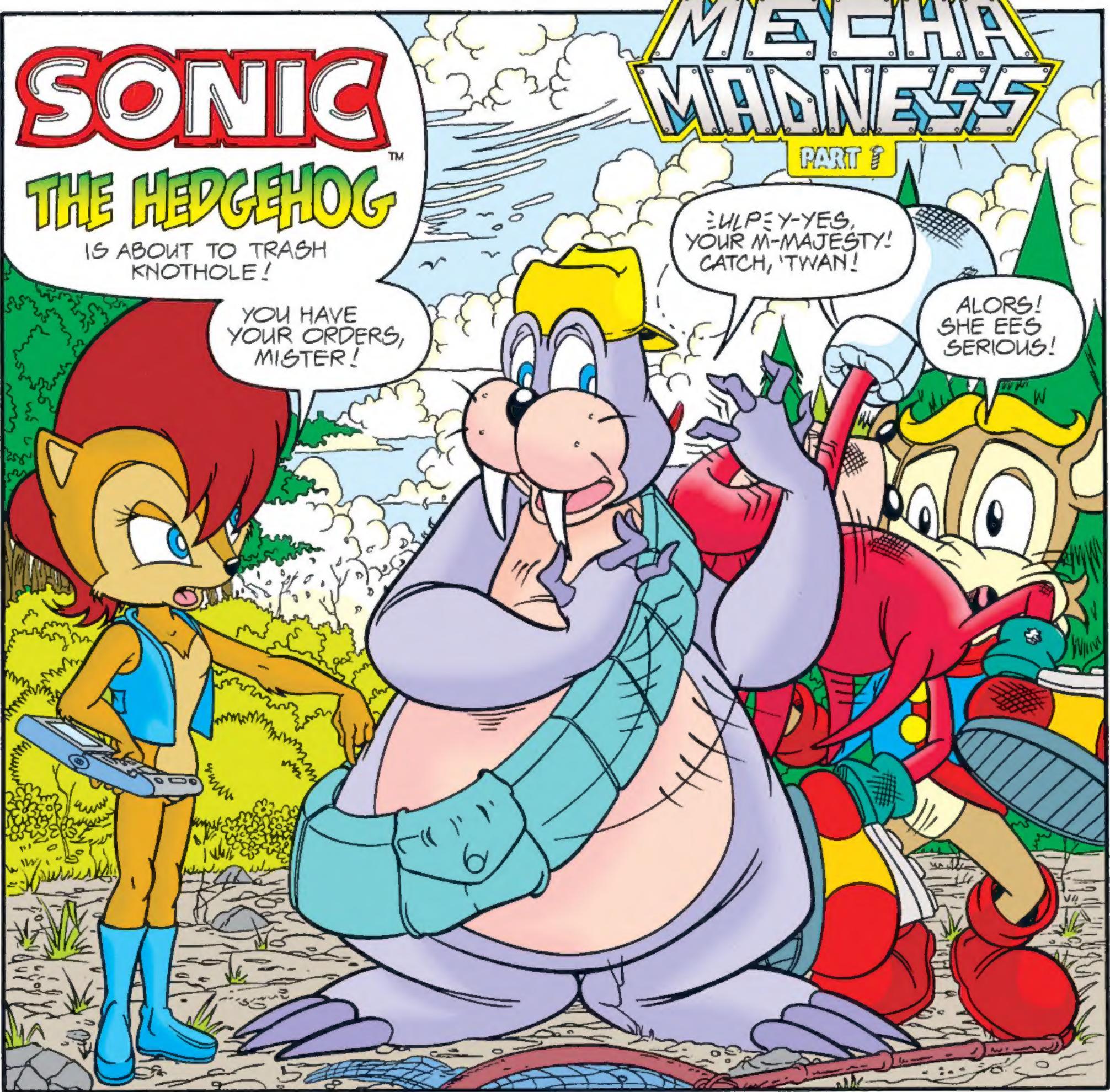
MECHA MADNESS

PART 1

YOU HAVE
YOUR ORDERS,
MISTER!

EULPE-Y-YES,
YOUR M-MAJESTY!
CATCH, 'TWAN!

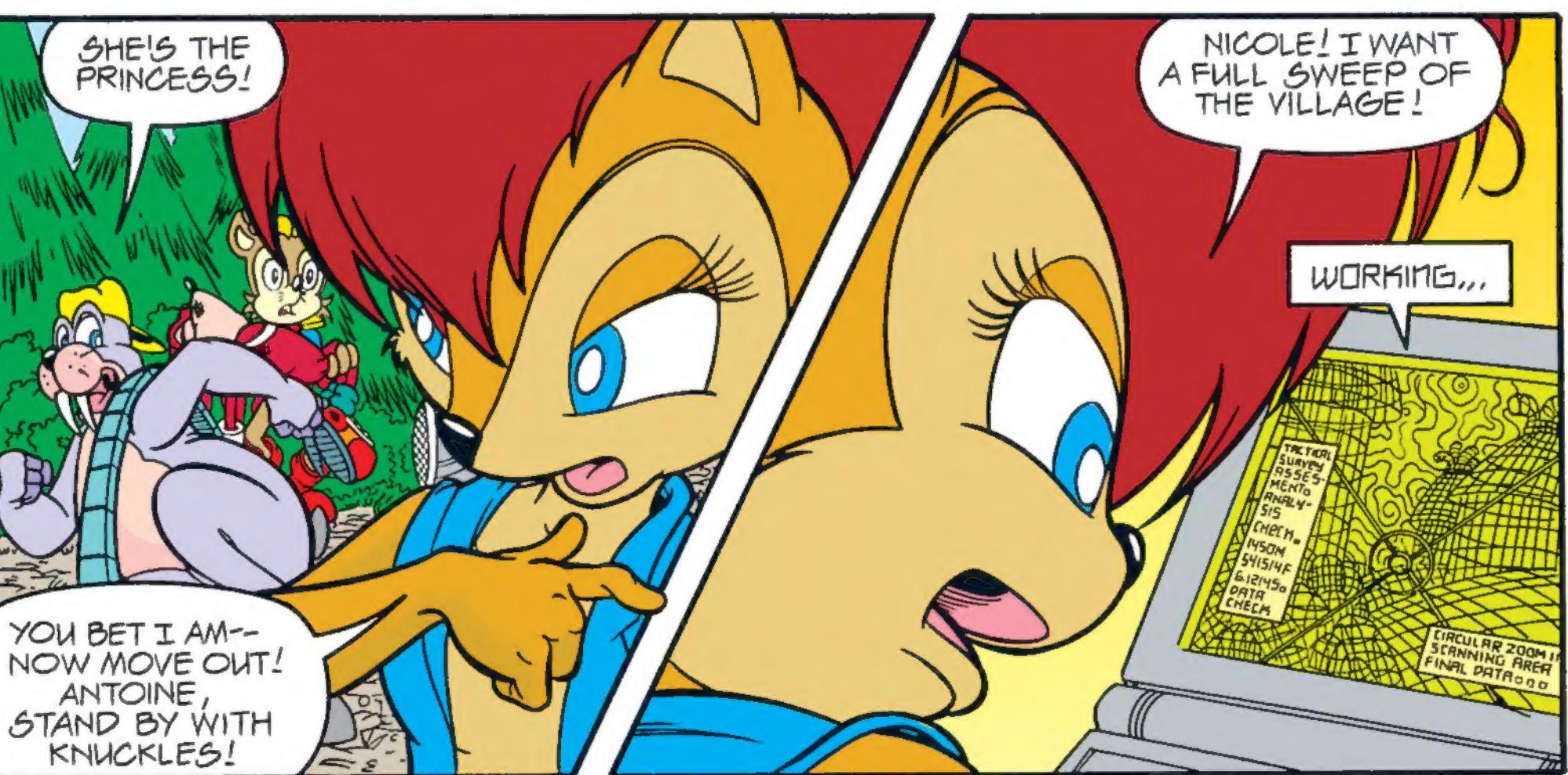
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SHE EES
SERIOUS!

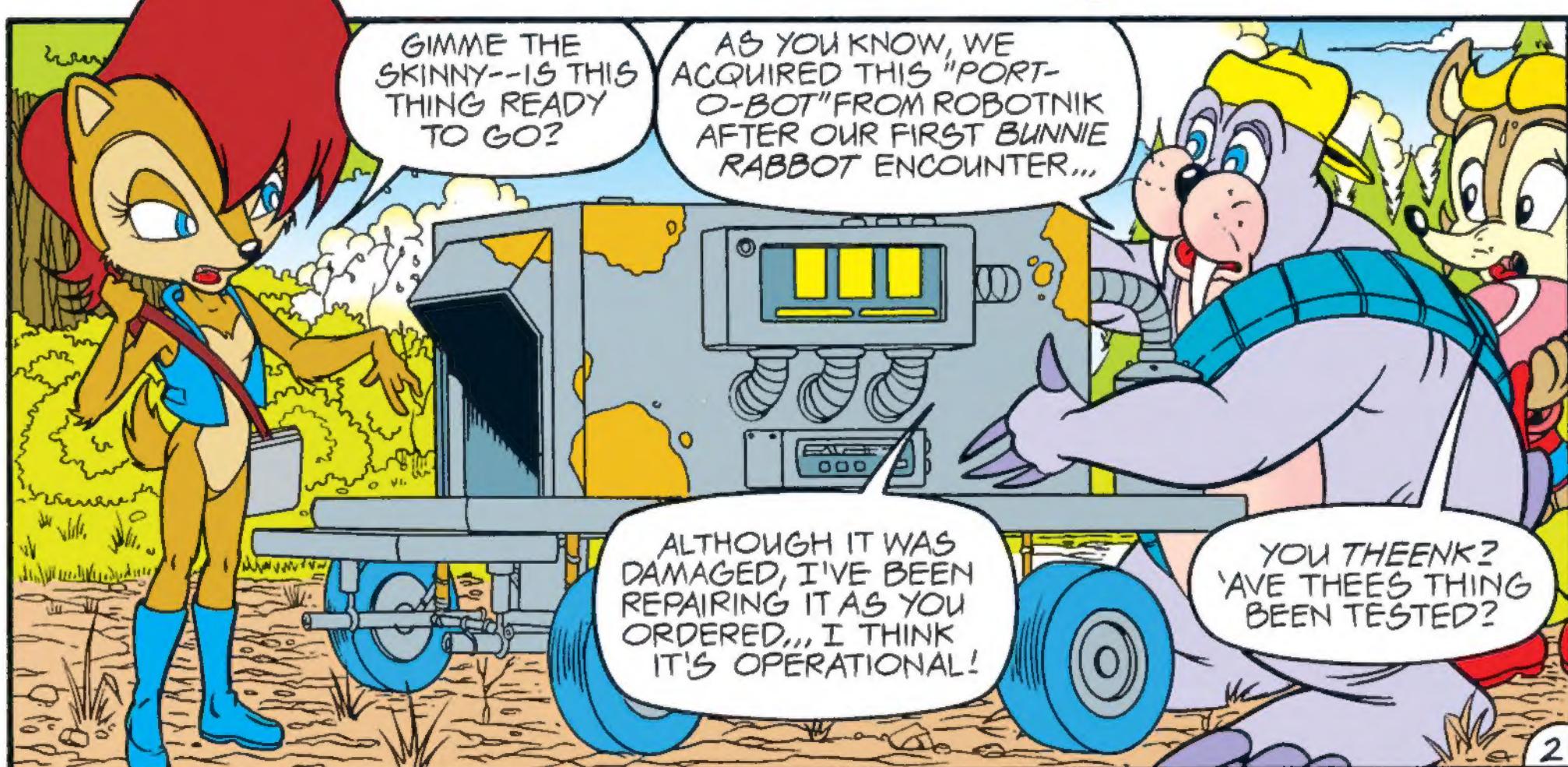
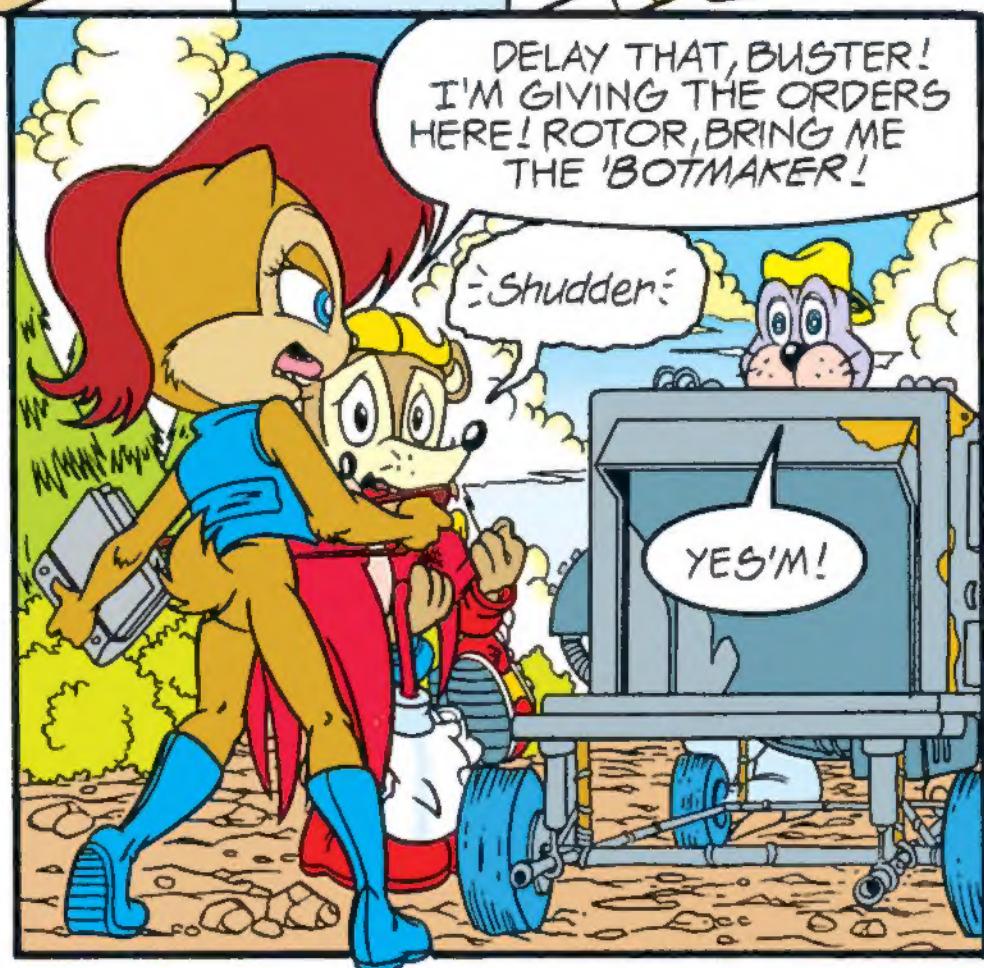
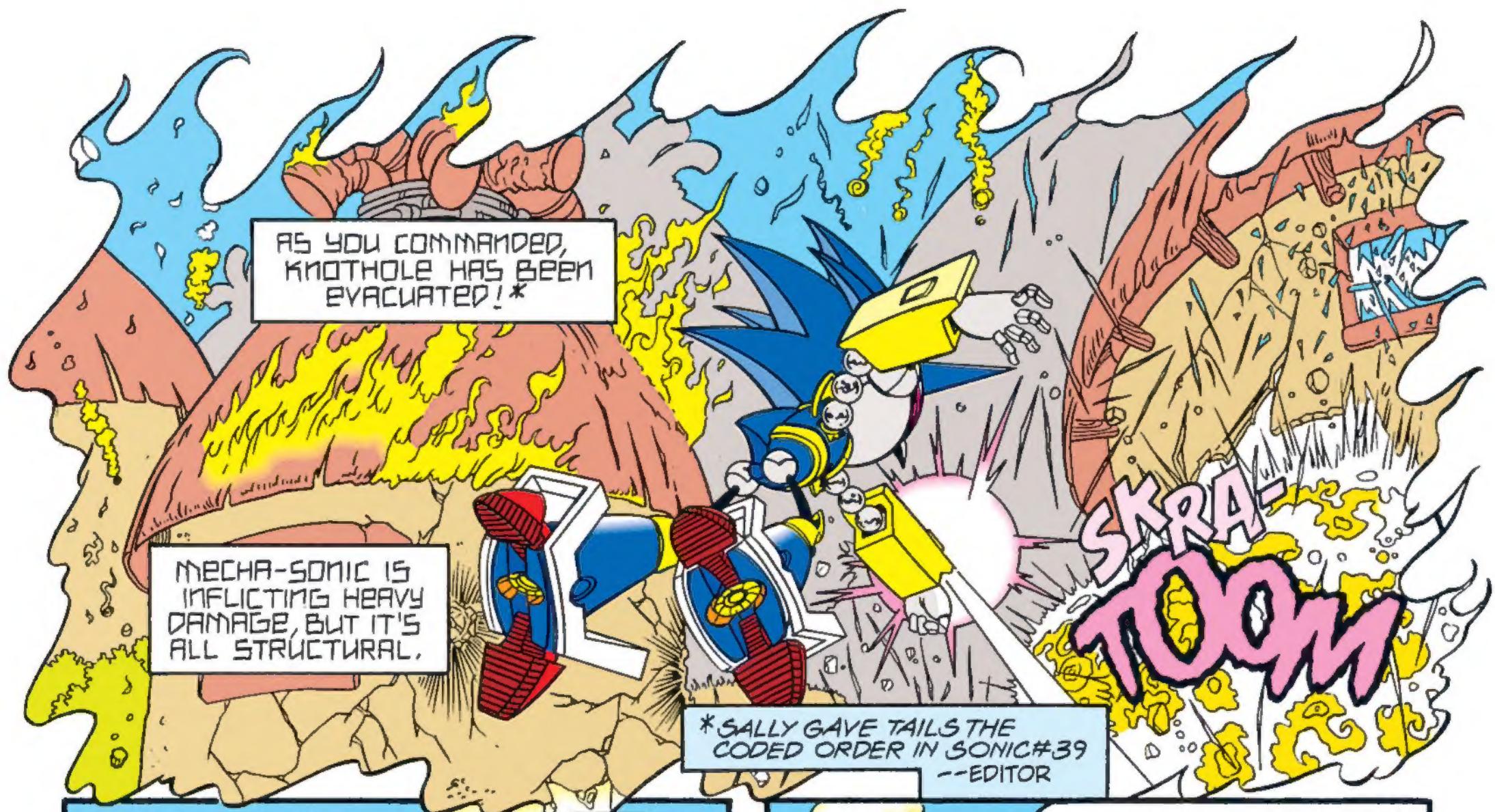


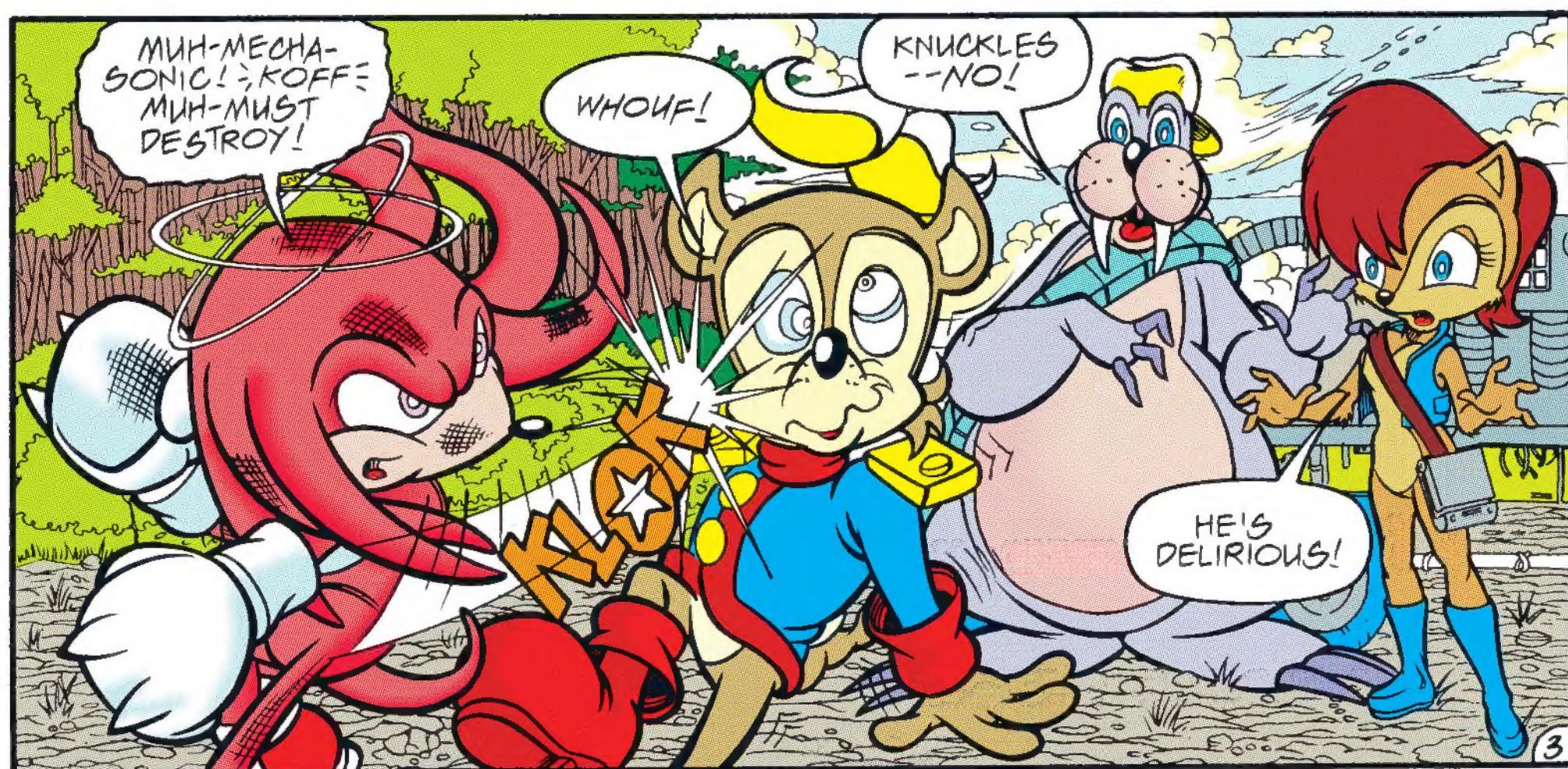
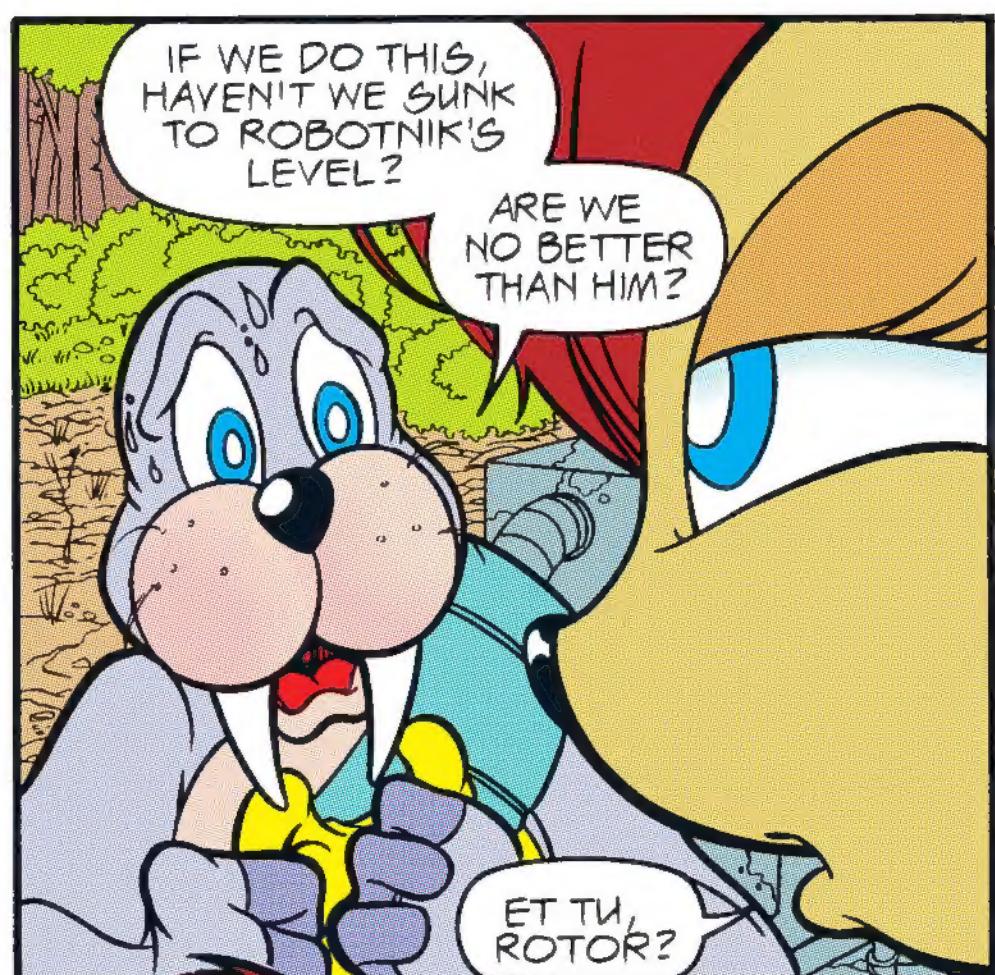
SHE IS THE
PRINCESS!

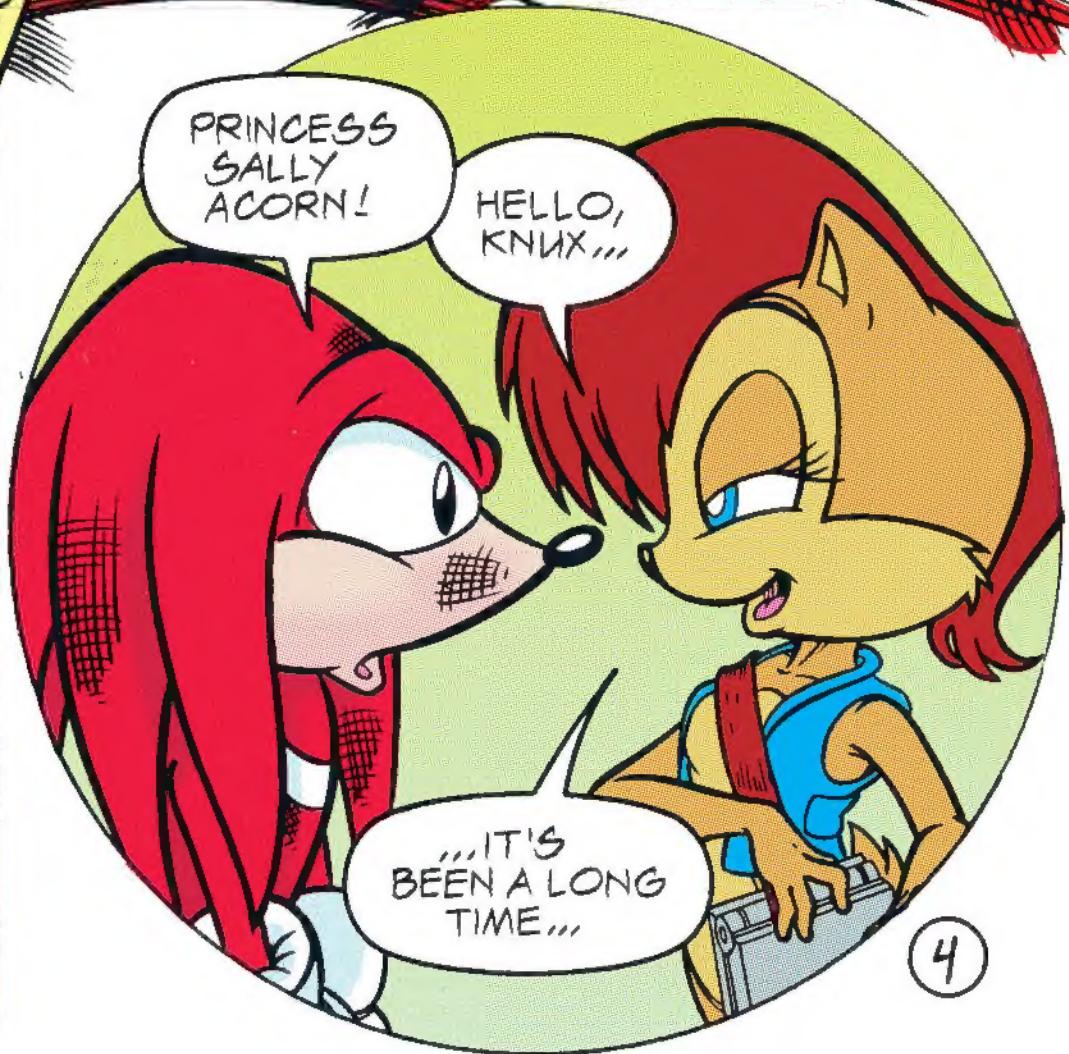
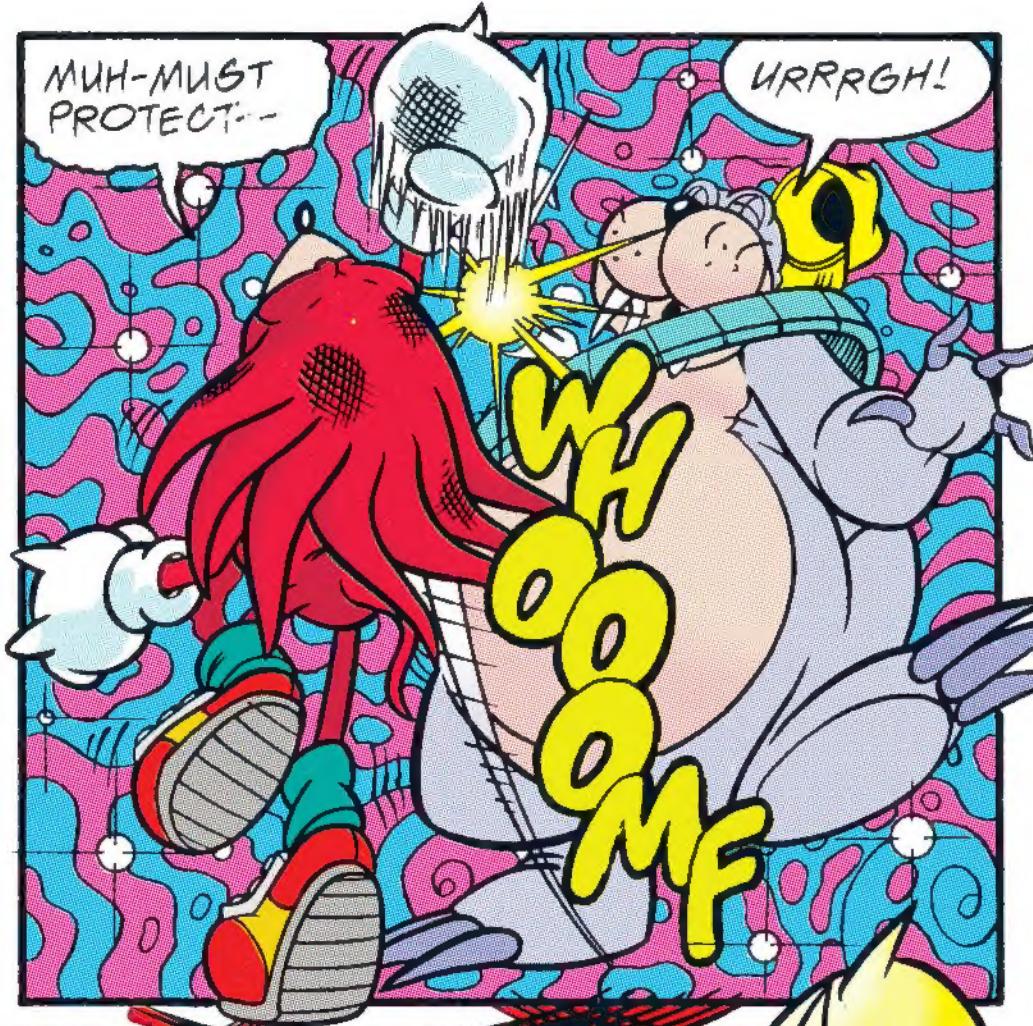
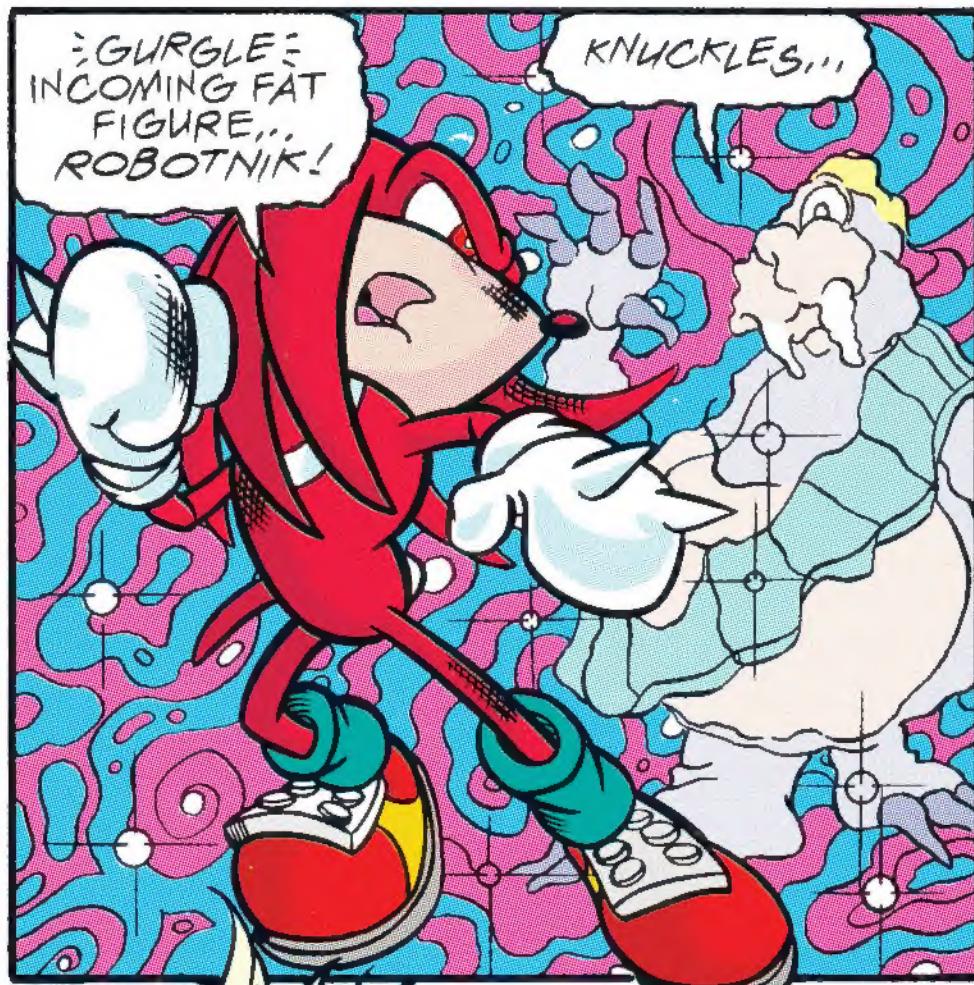
NICOLE! I WANT
A FULL SWEEP OF
THE VILLAGE!

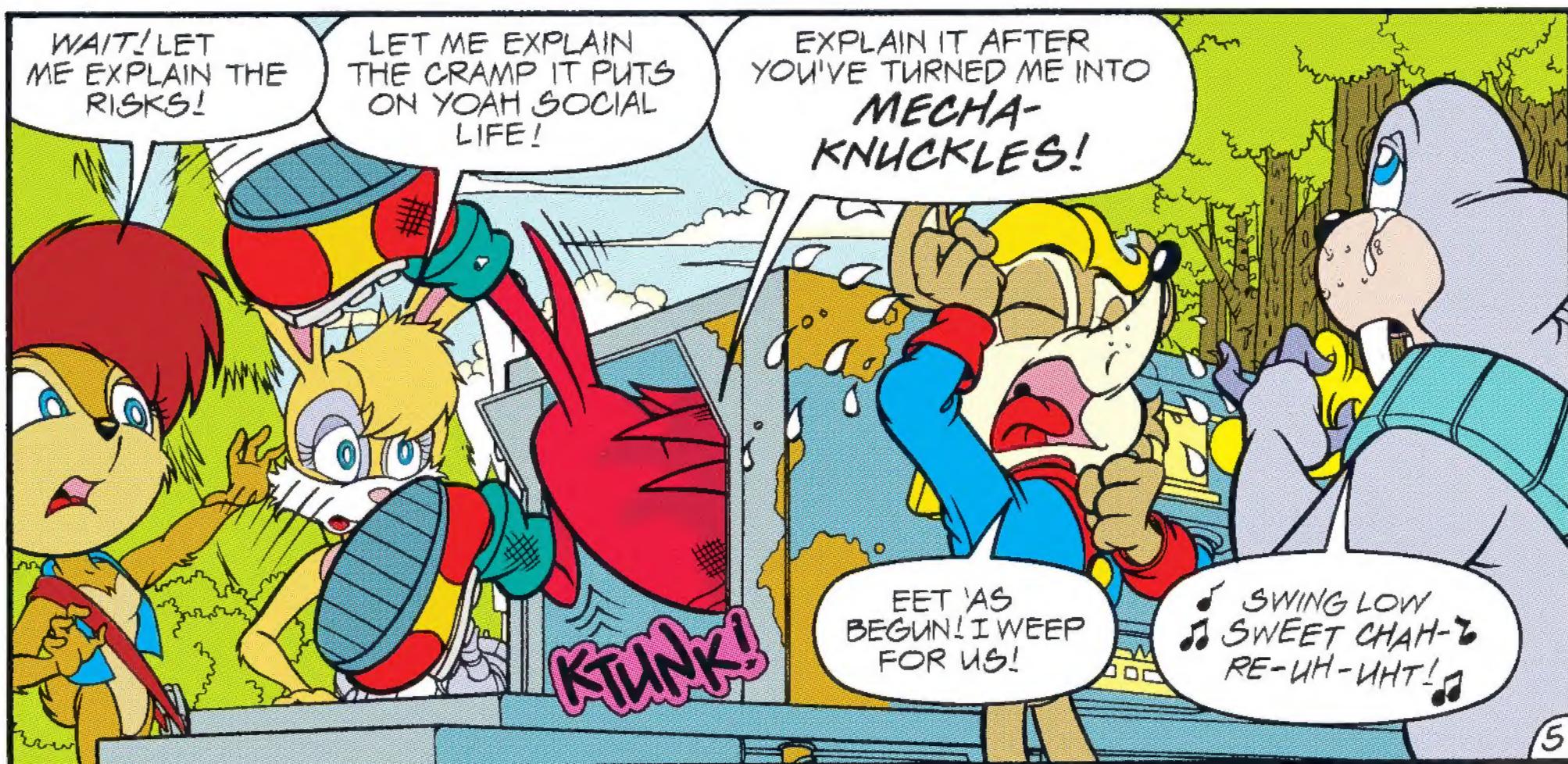
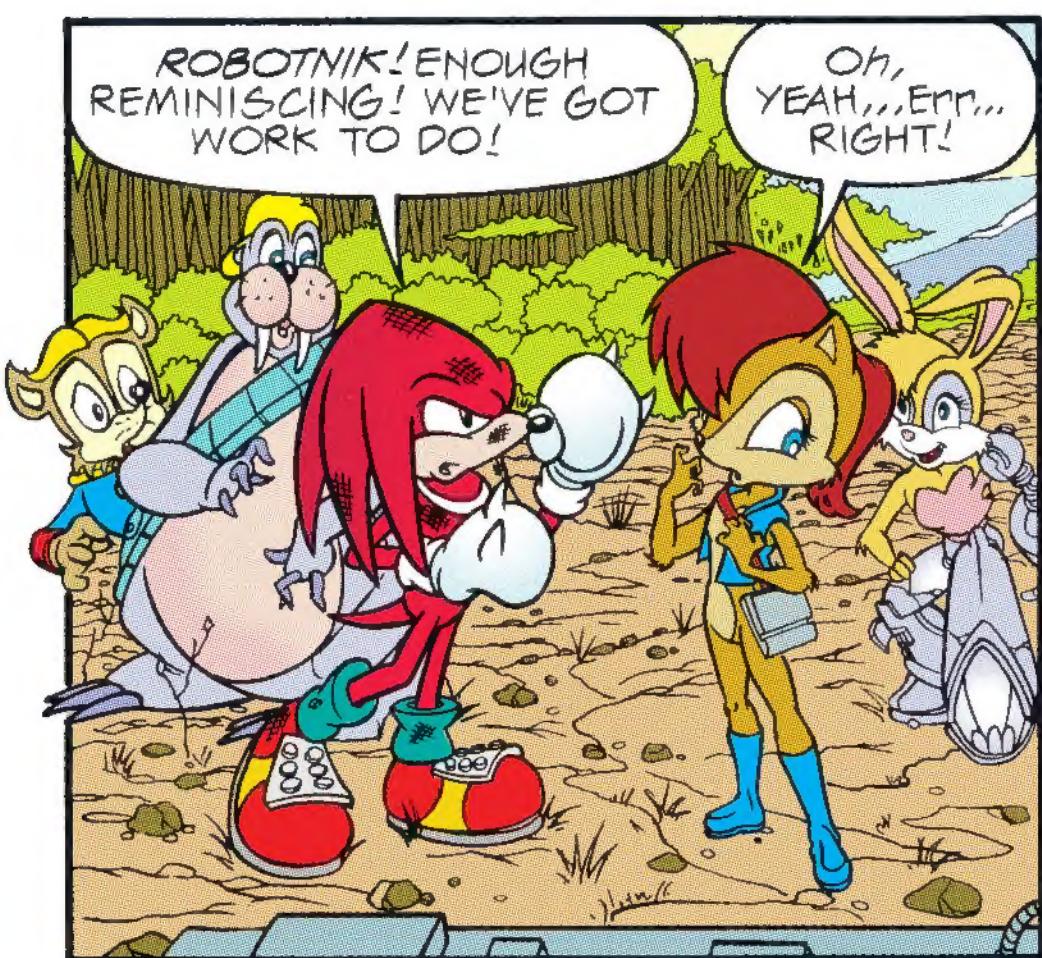
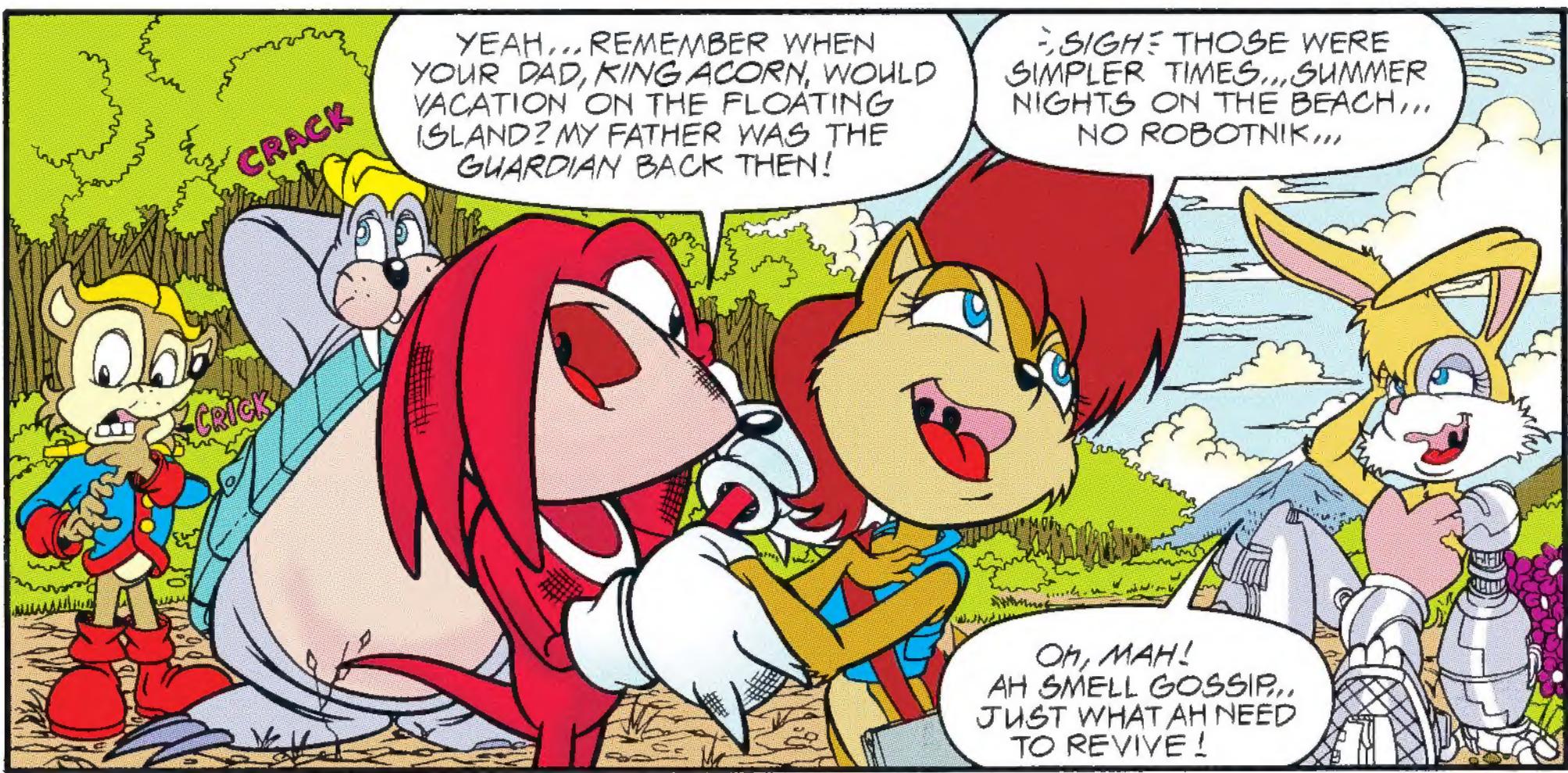
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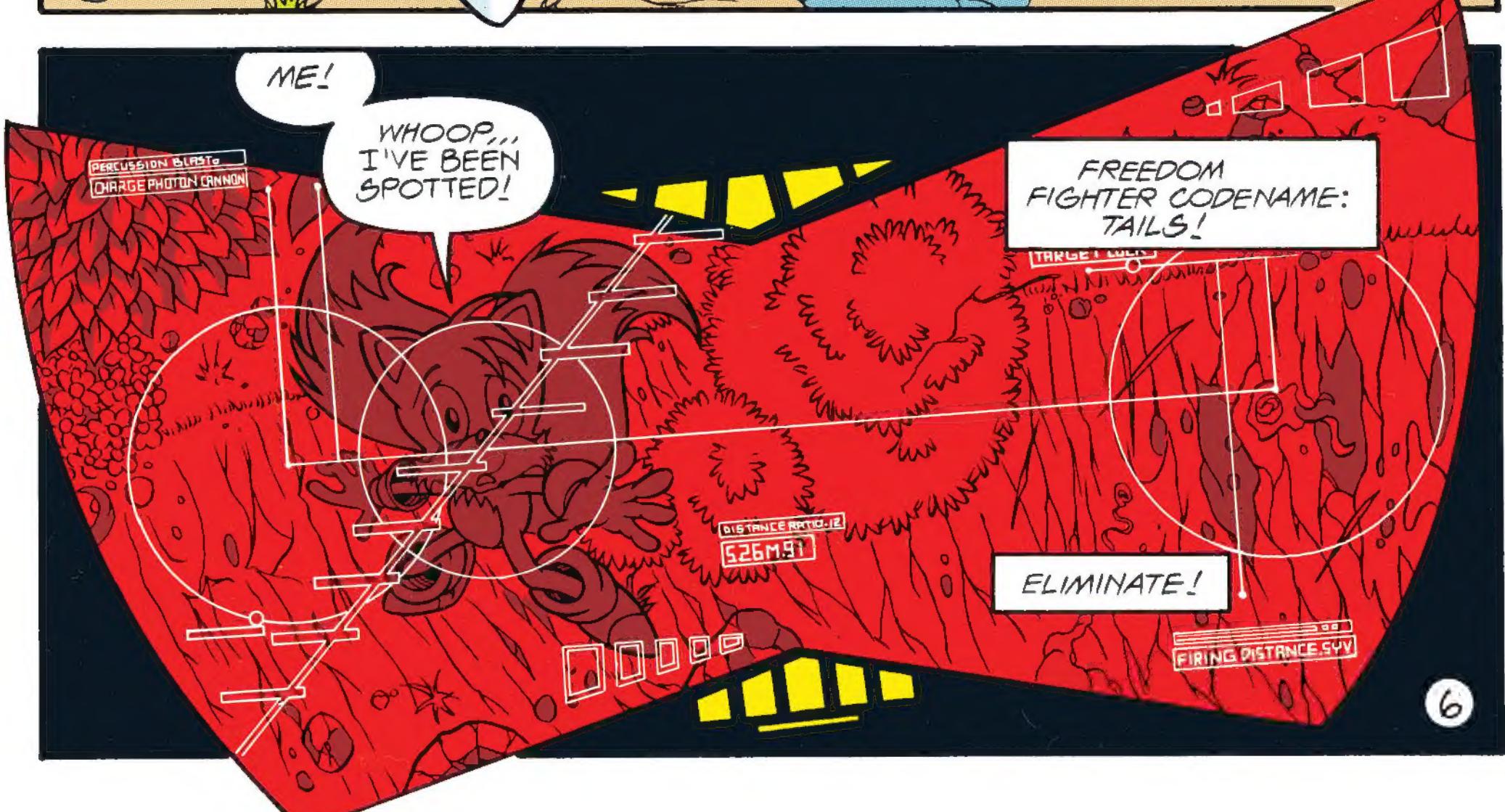


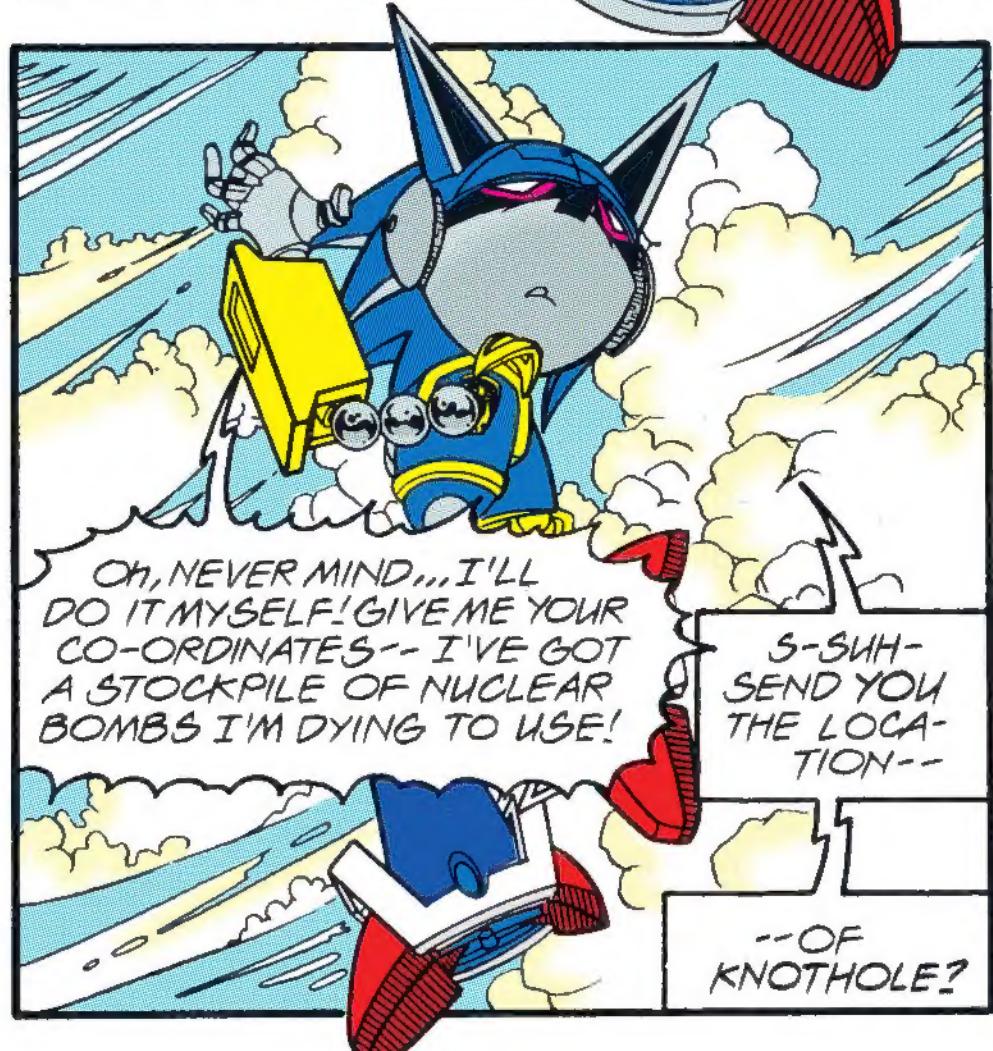
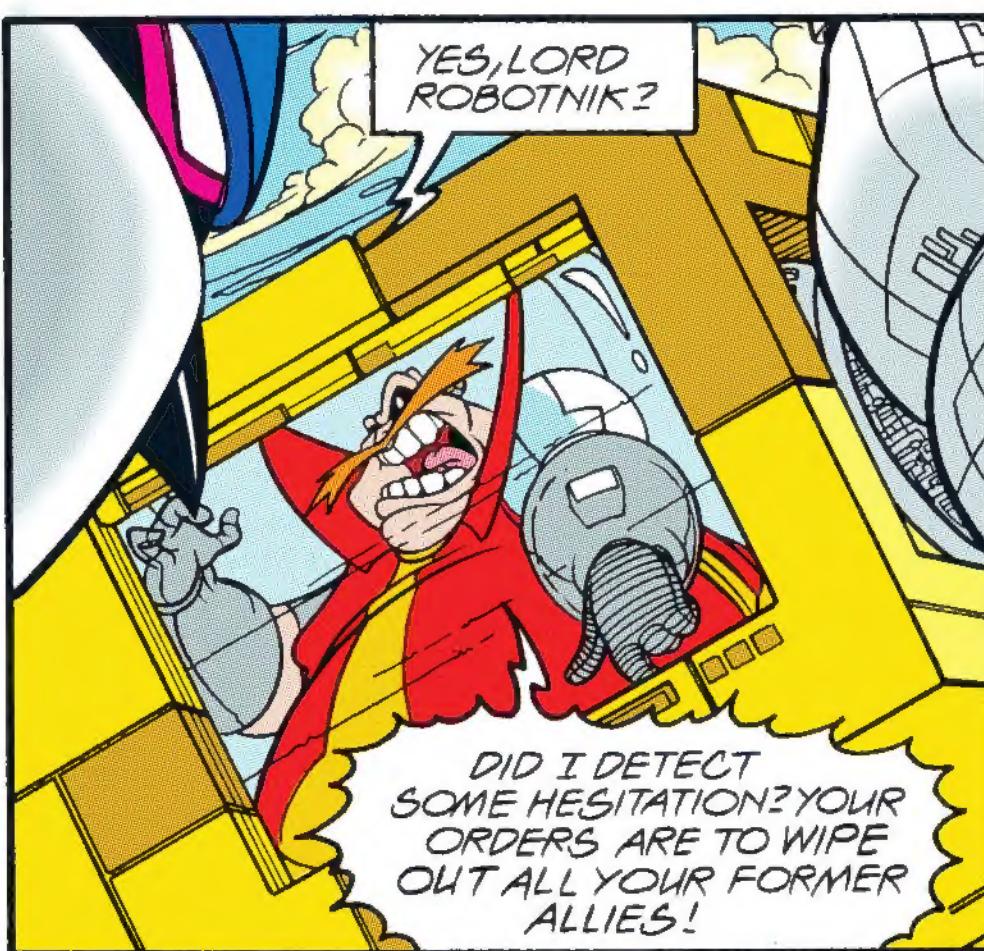
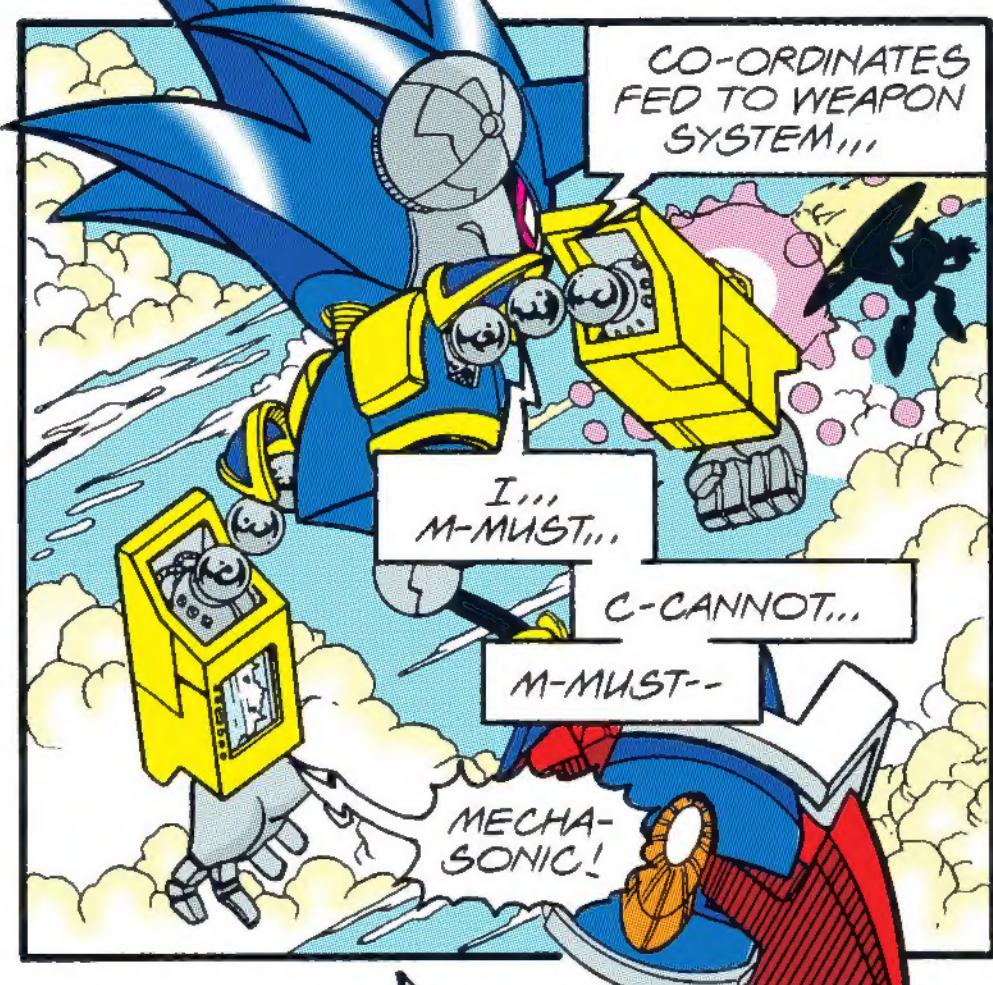
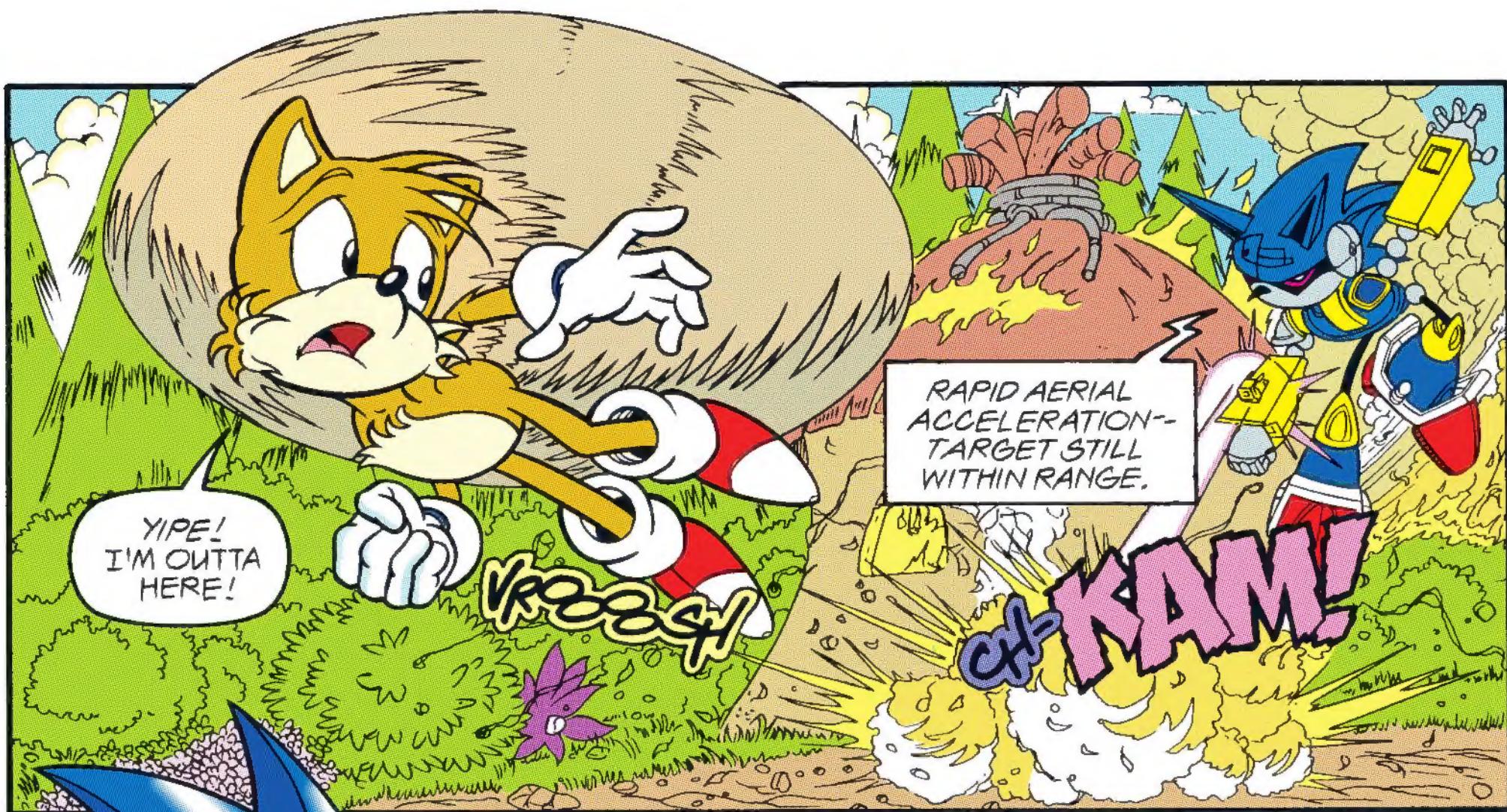


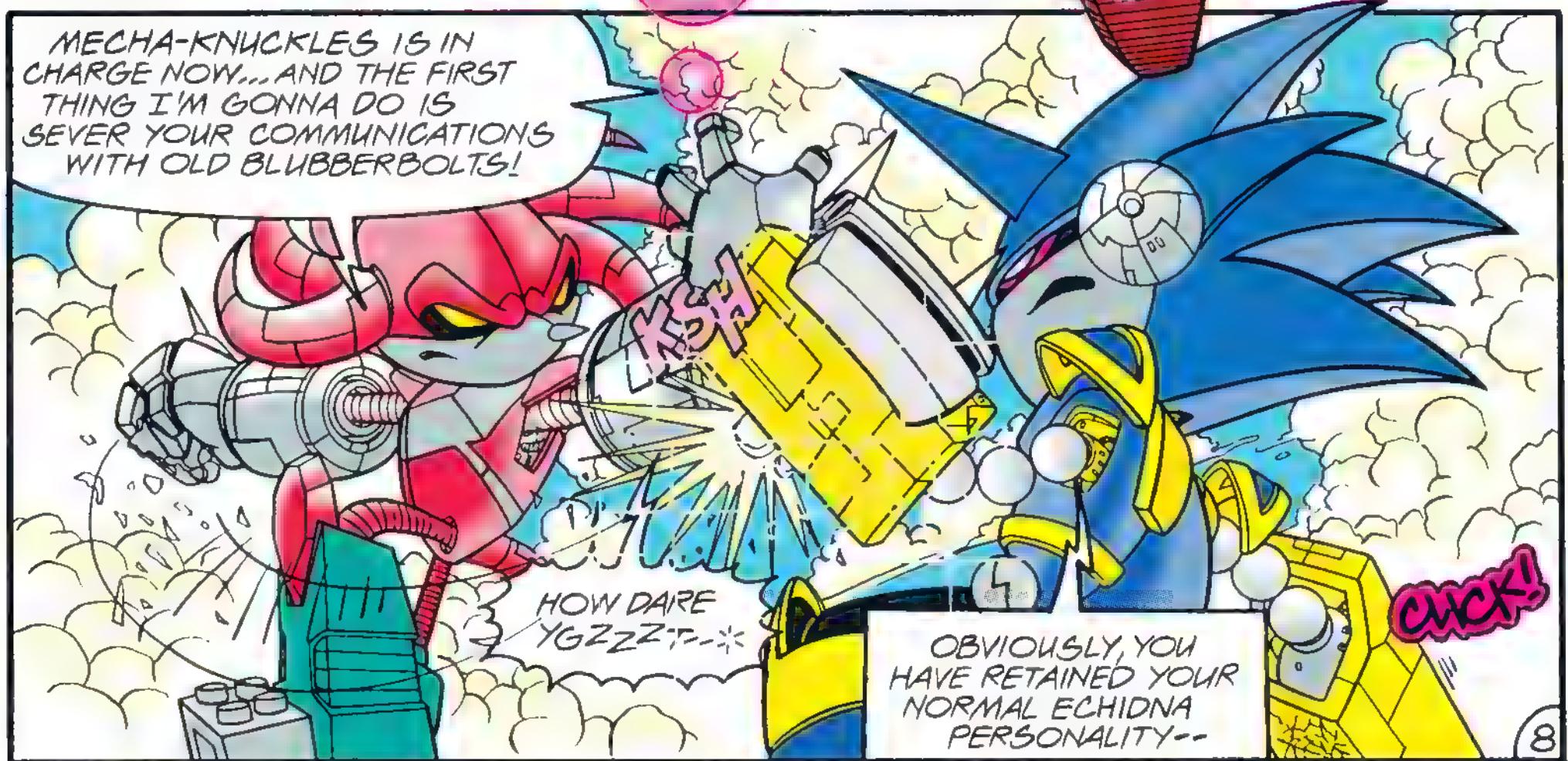
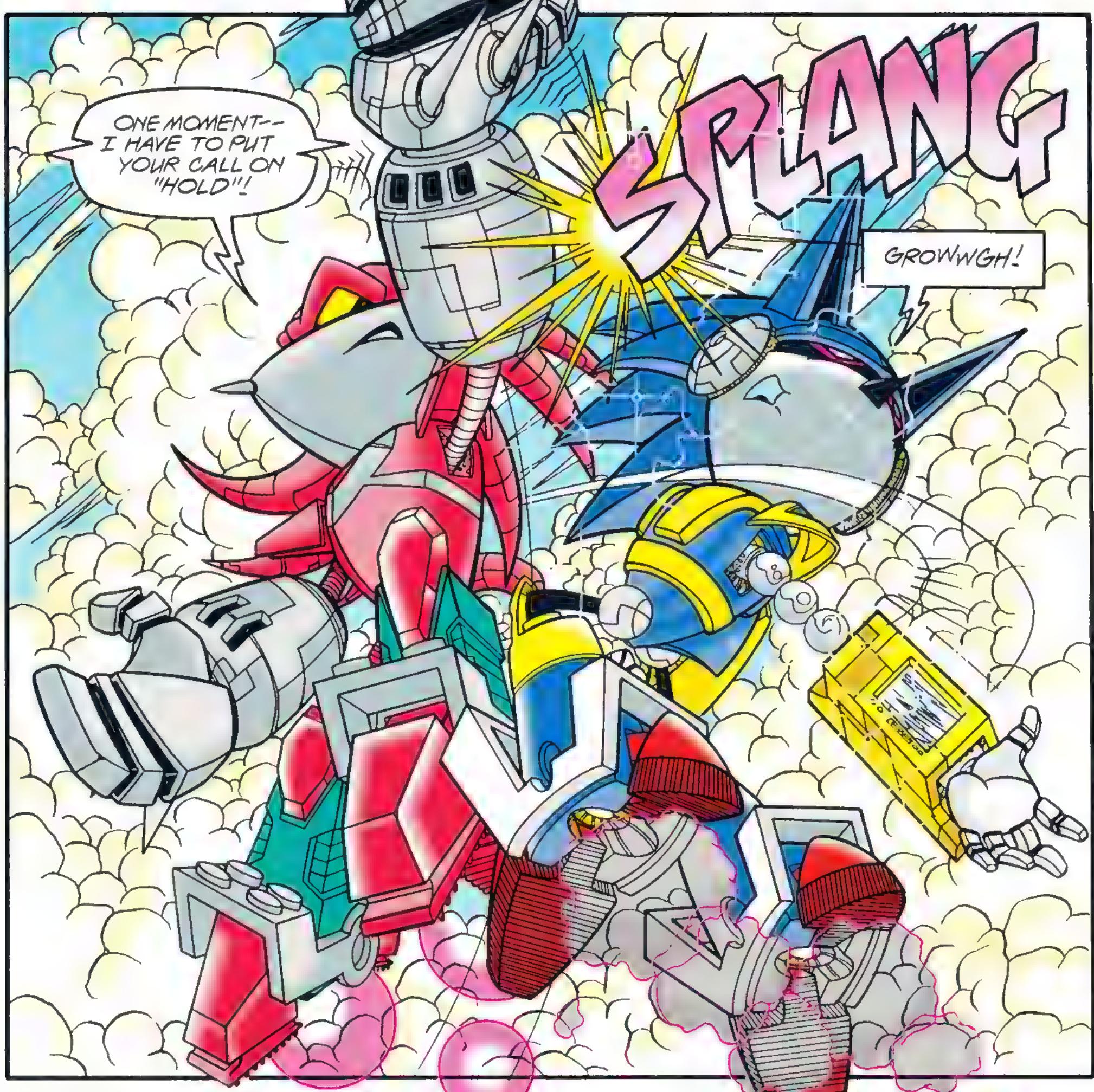


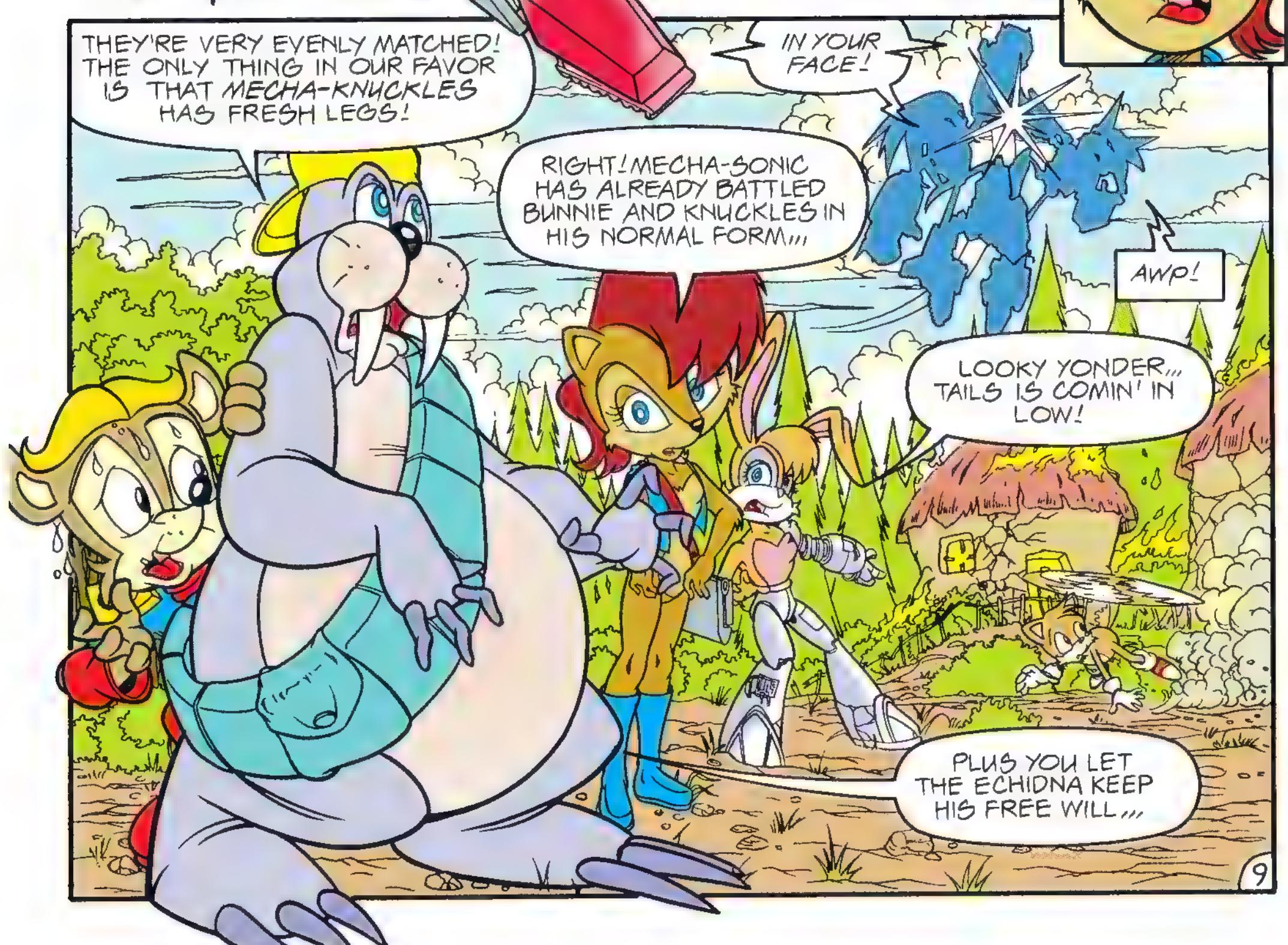
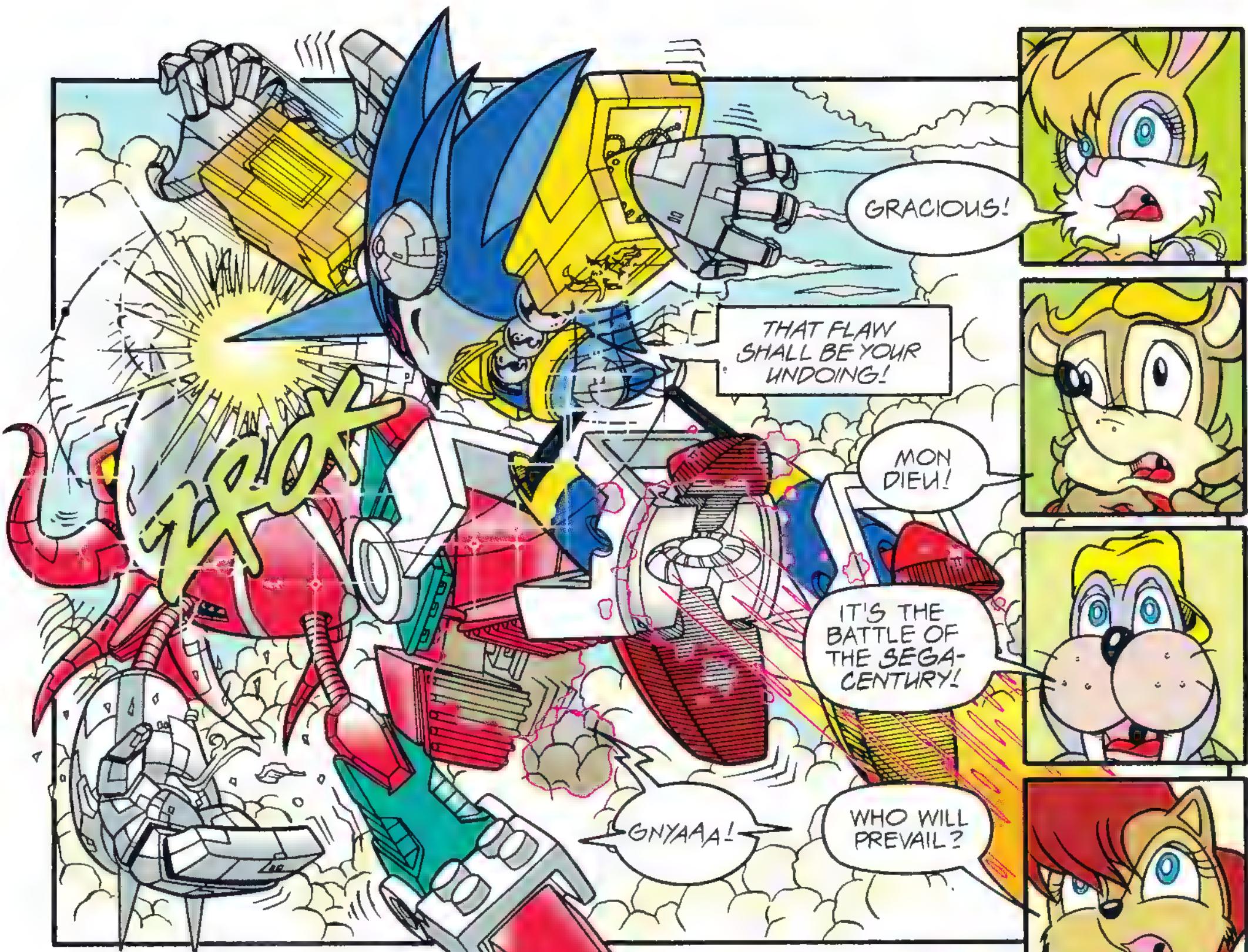


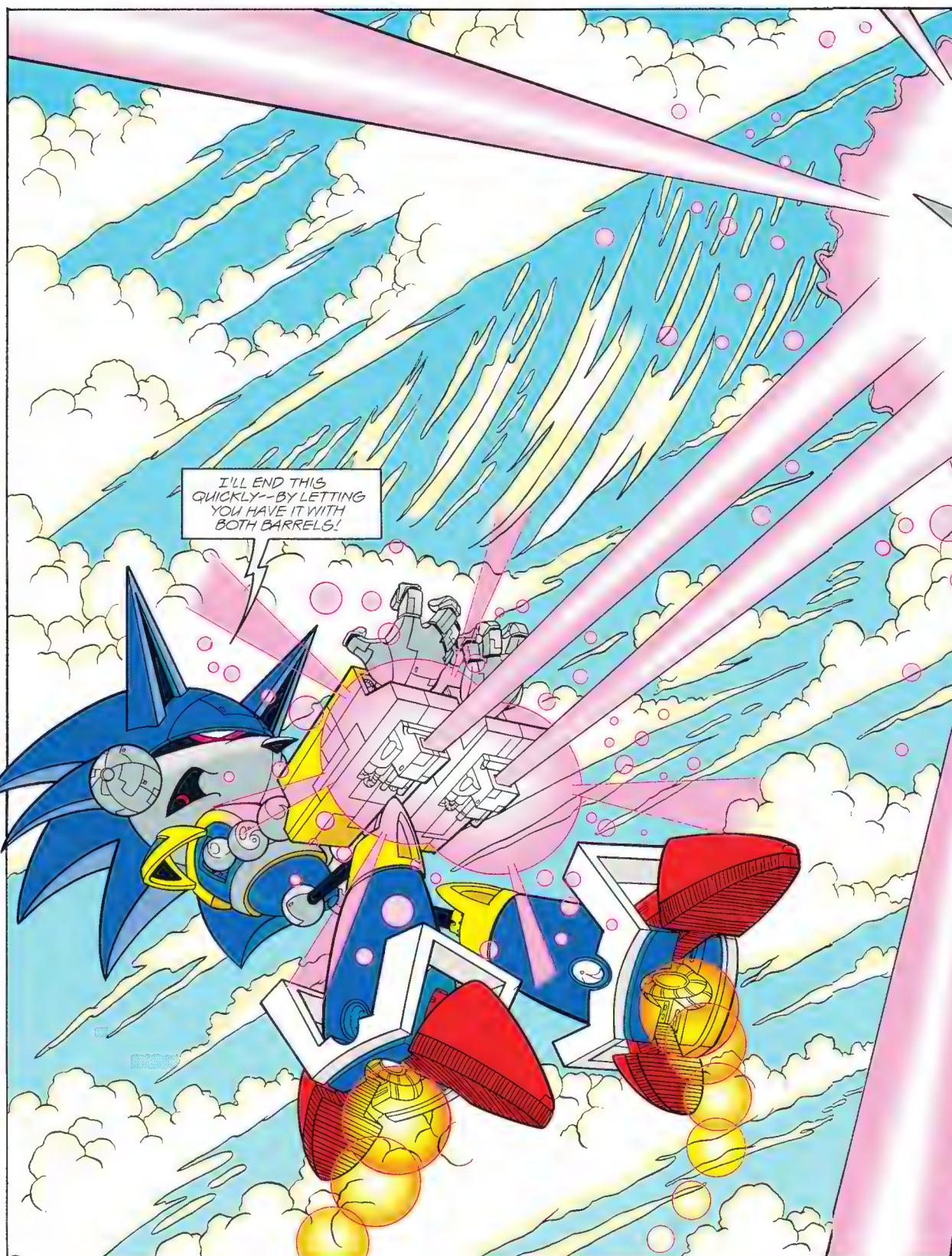




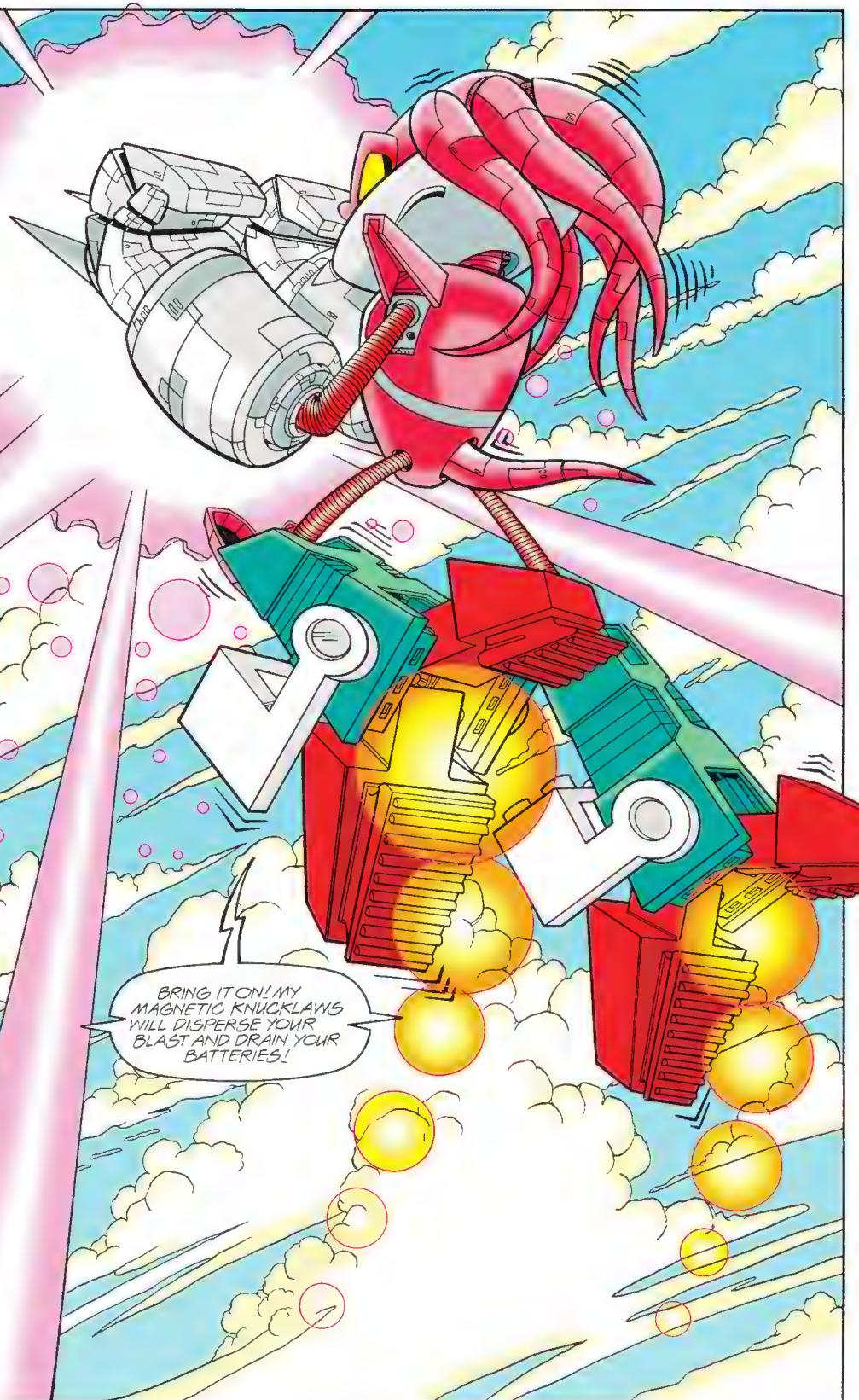


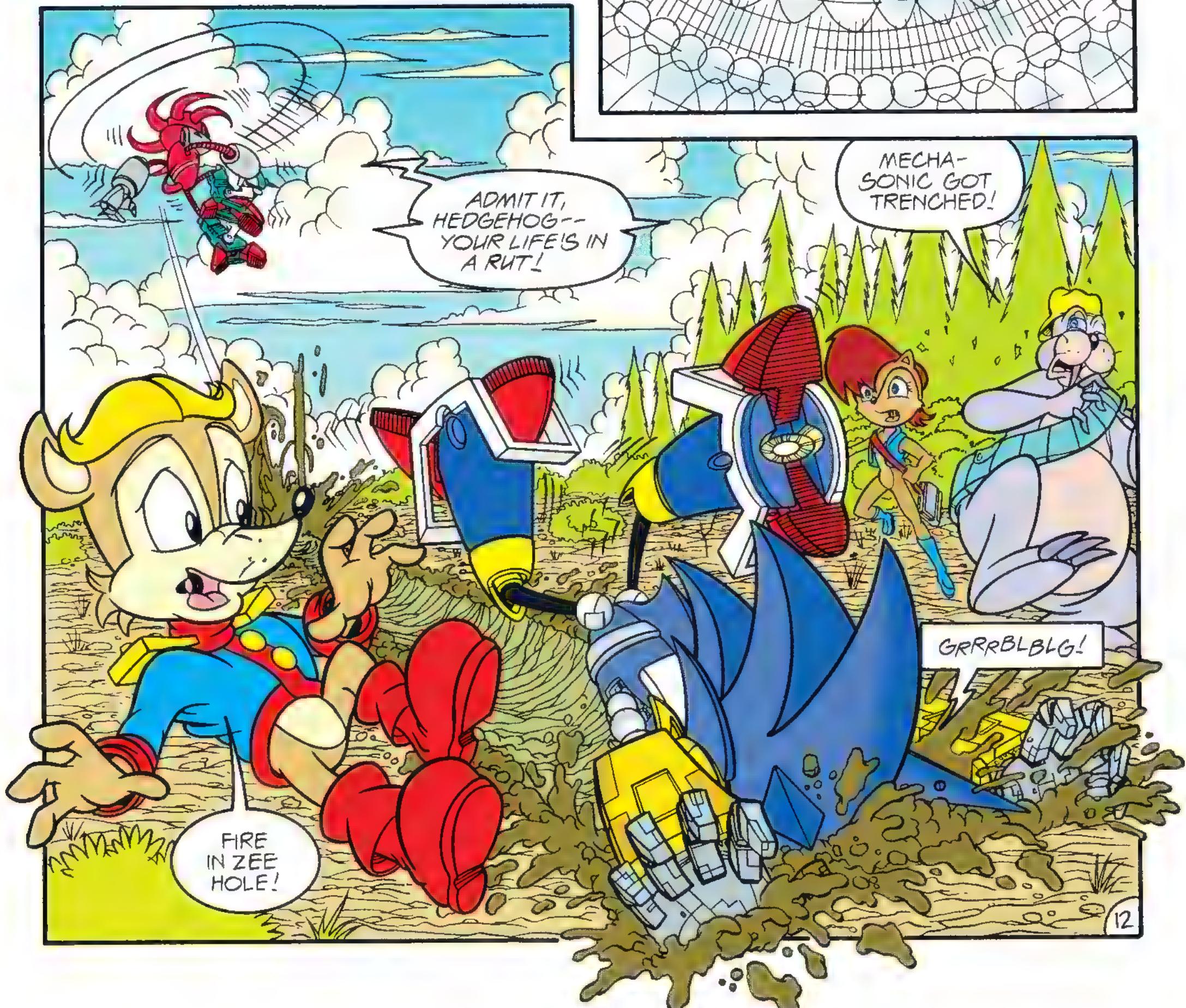
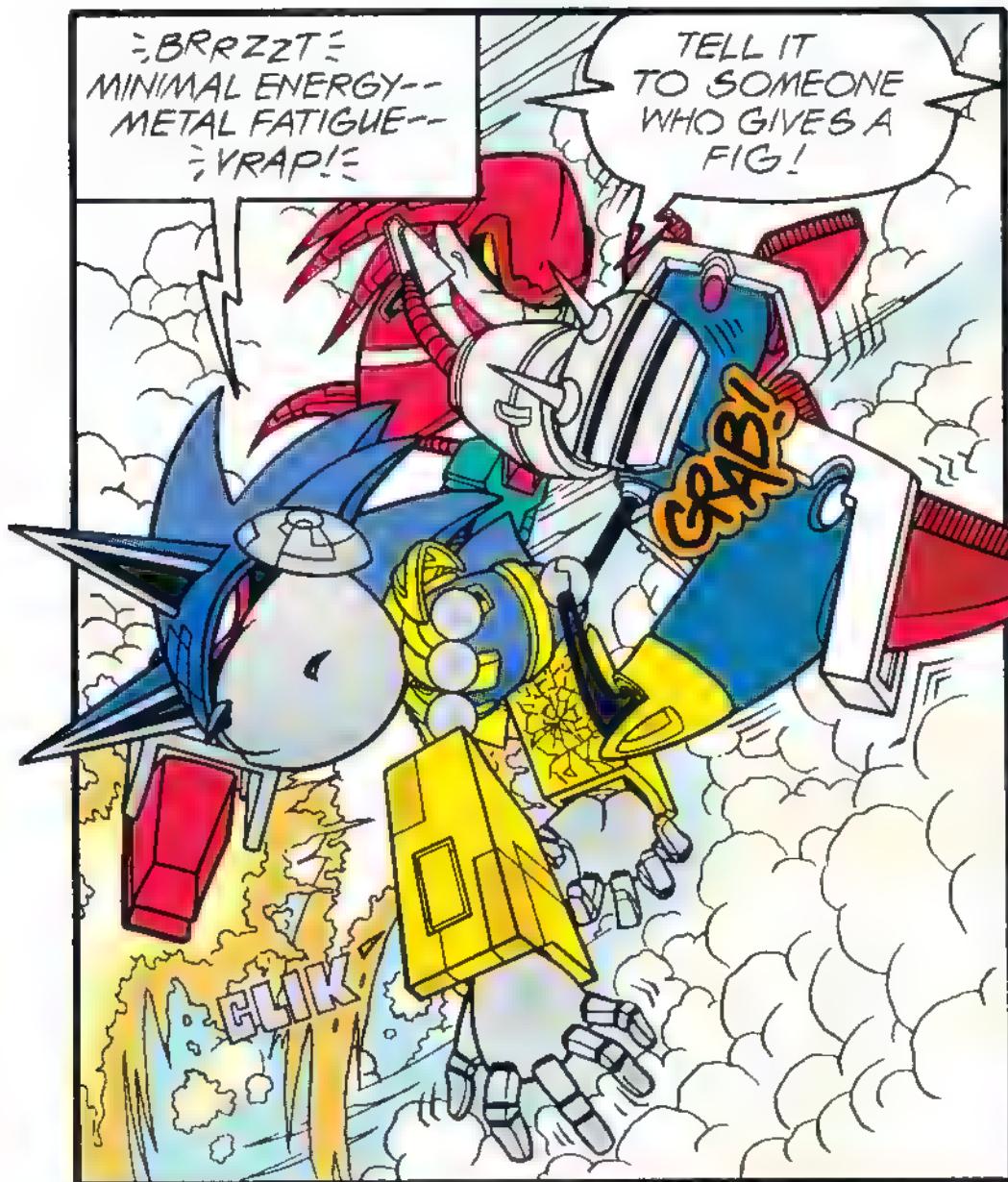


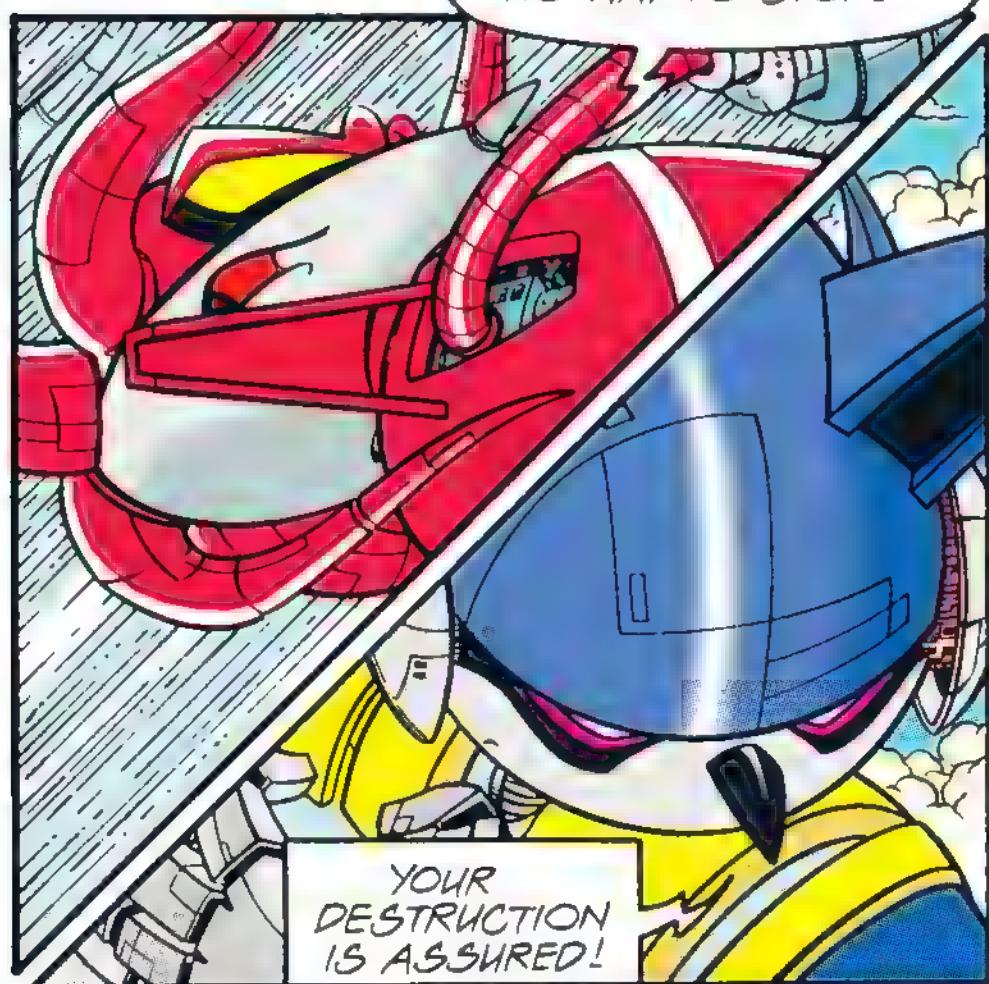
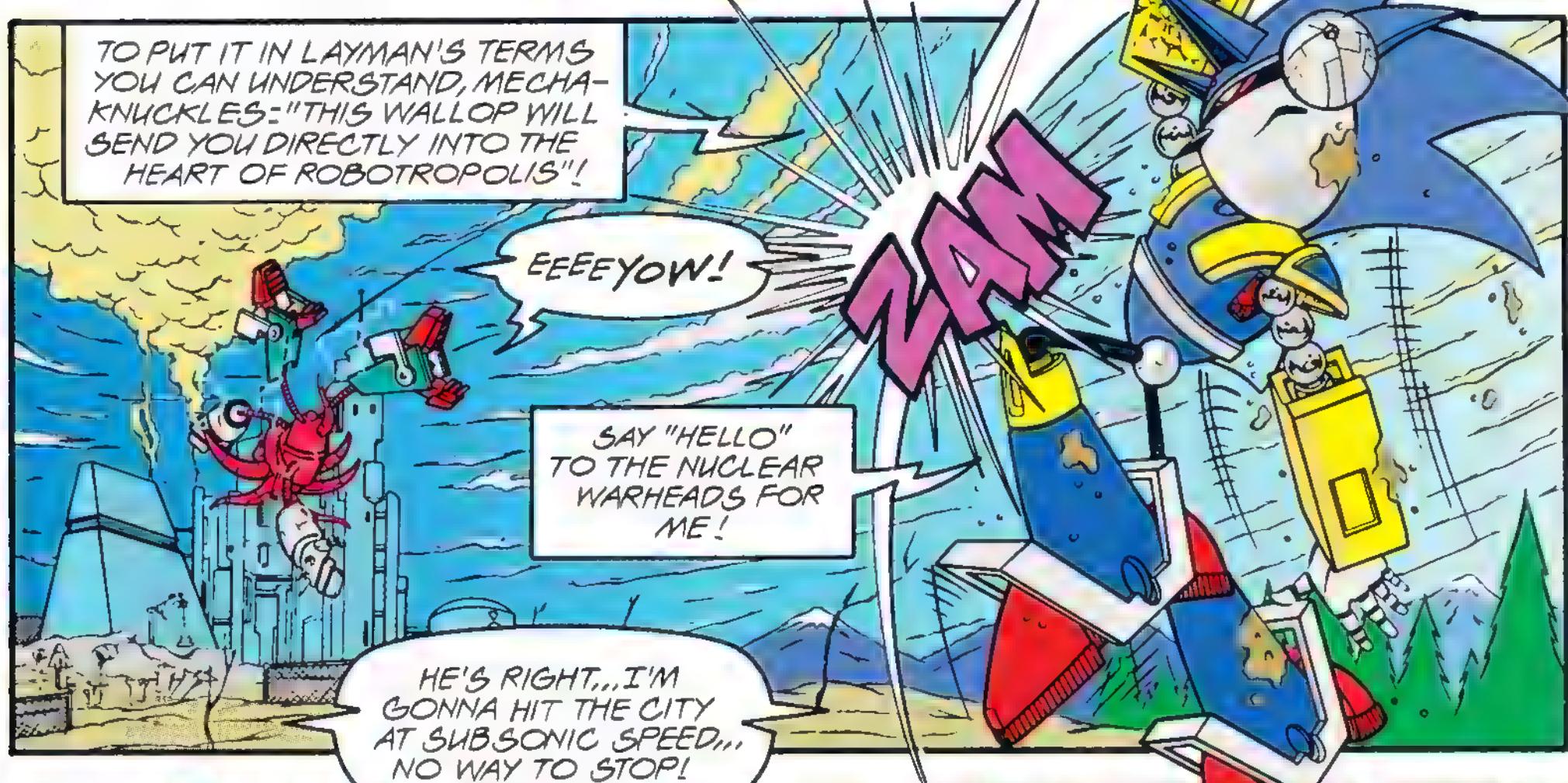
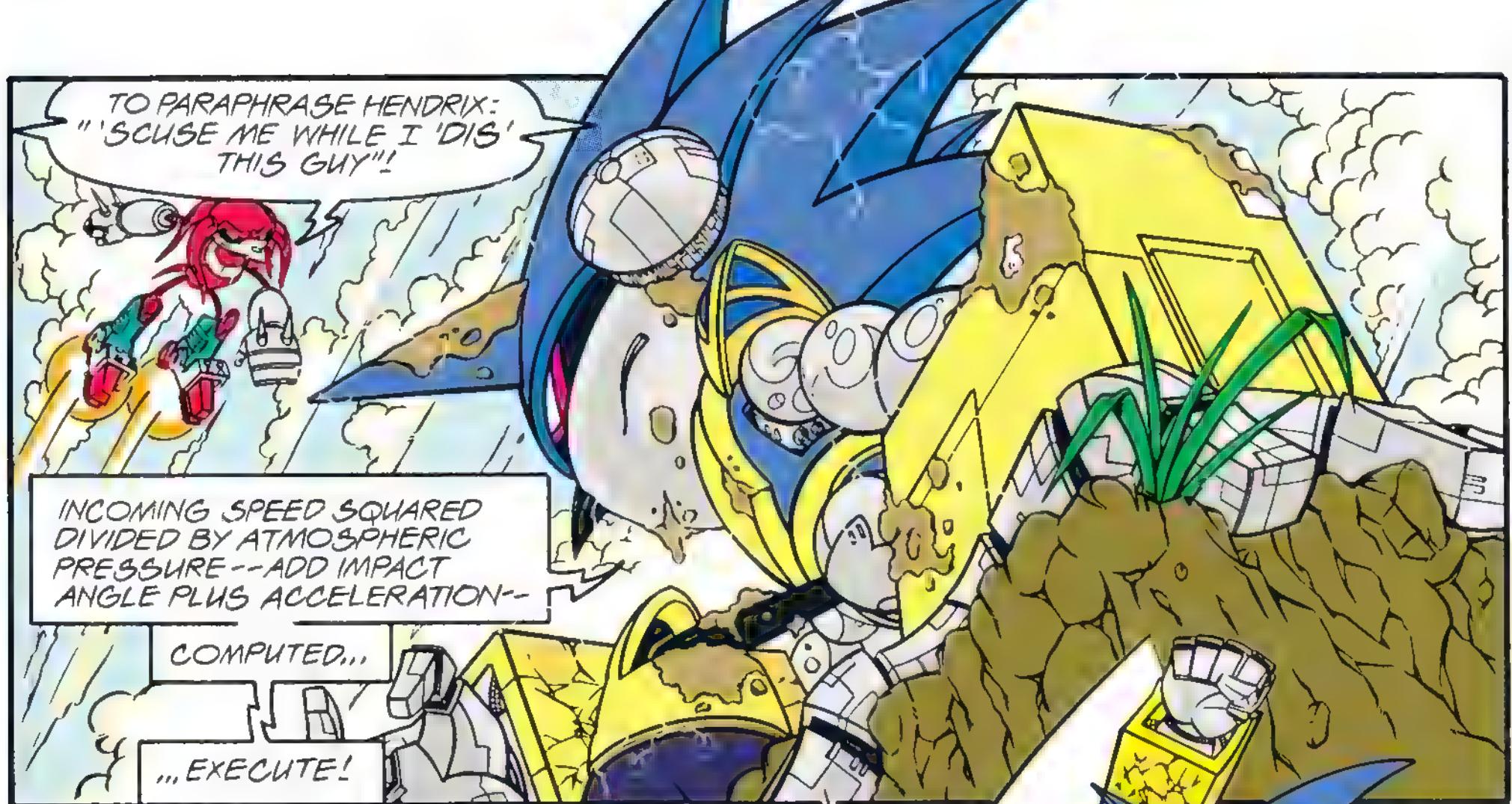


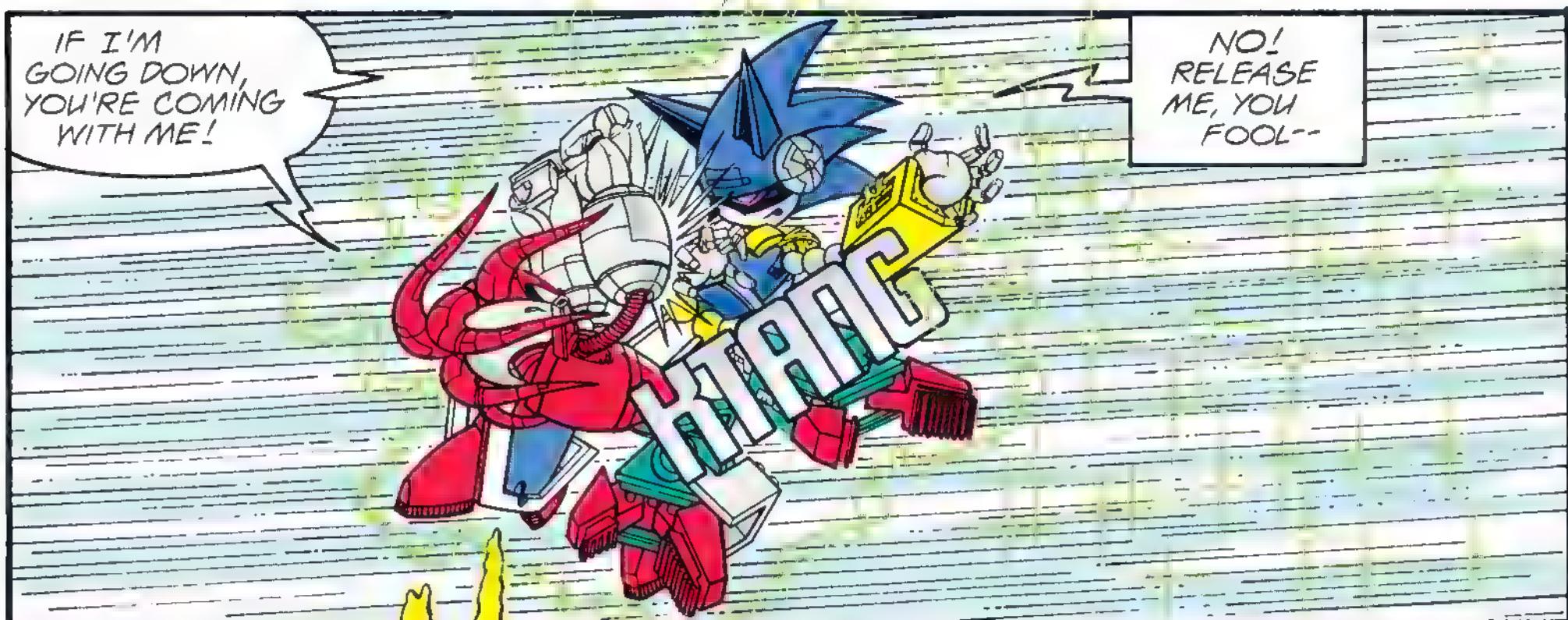
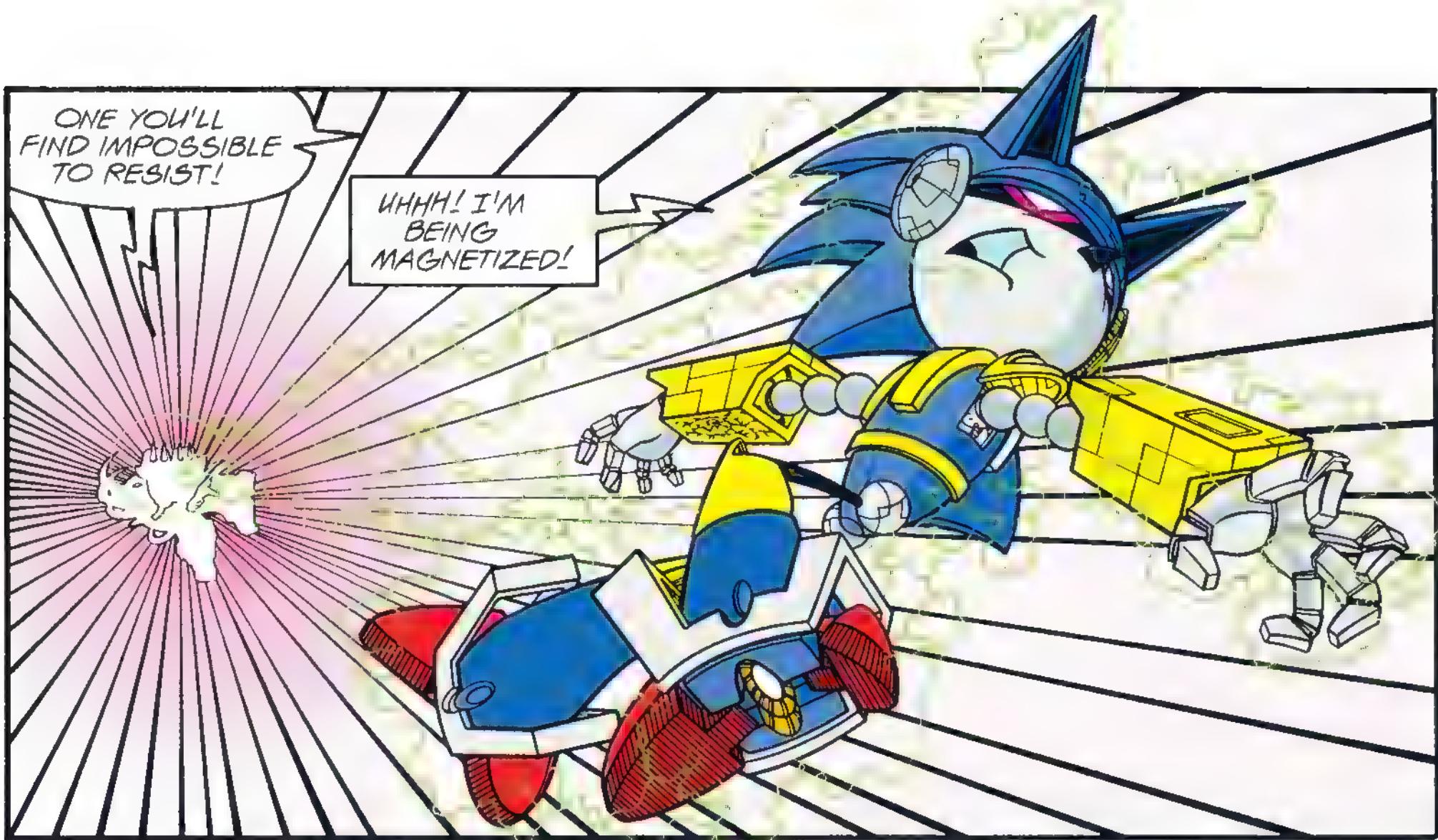


I'LL END THIS
QUICKLY--BY LETTING
YOU HAVE IT WITH
BOTH BARRELS!









SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG...

MECHA MADNESS

PART 111

...COULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED THAT BLAST... EVEN IN HIS MECHANIZED FORM!

I DOUBT M'SIEU ECHIDNA COULD HAVE, EITHER...

Indeed, THE ODDS ARE AGAINST IT.

THEN SONIC... SOBE... AND KNUCKLES... HUCKE...

GOSH! IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY AT THE TOP...

OUI... UNEASY 'ANGS ZEE CROWN!

CHOKEE! EXCUSE ME A MOMENT... I... Sniffle! I'VE GOT FALLOUT IN MY EYE...

I'D BE UNEASY IF I WERE AT GROUND ZERO!

AT THAT MOMENT, GROUND ZERO SMOULDERS... A MASSIVE CRATER IN THE MIDSECTION OF ROBOTROPOLIS SIZZLES WITH RADIATION.

SWATBOTS WERE VAPORIZED, FACTORIES AND TOXIC TRASH REDUCED TO MOLTEN SLAG. THE AIR IS FILLED WITH POISONS.

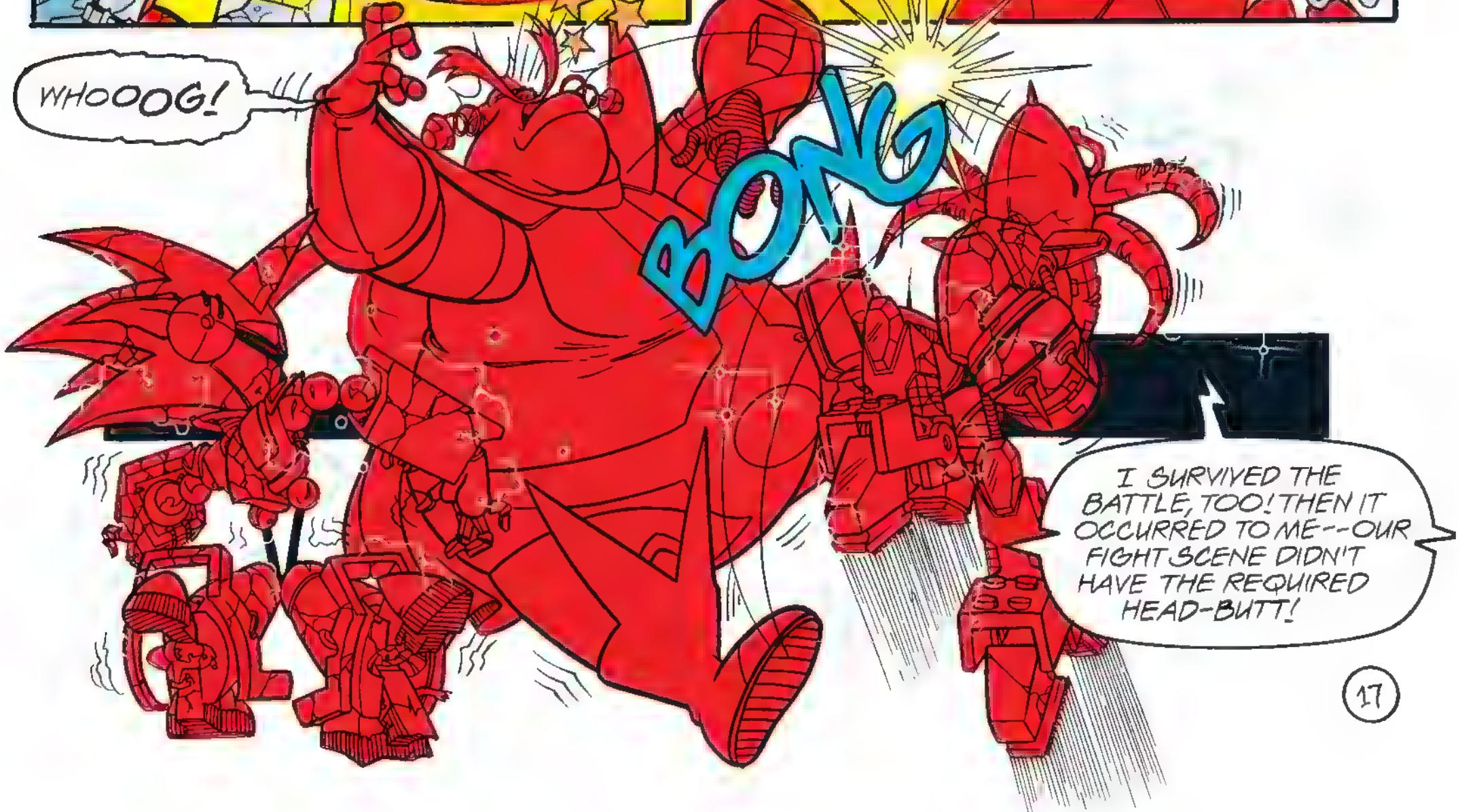
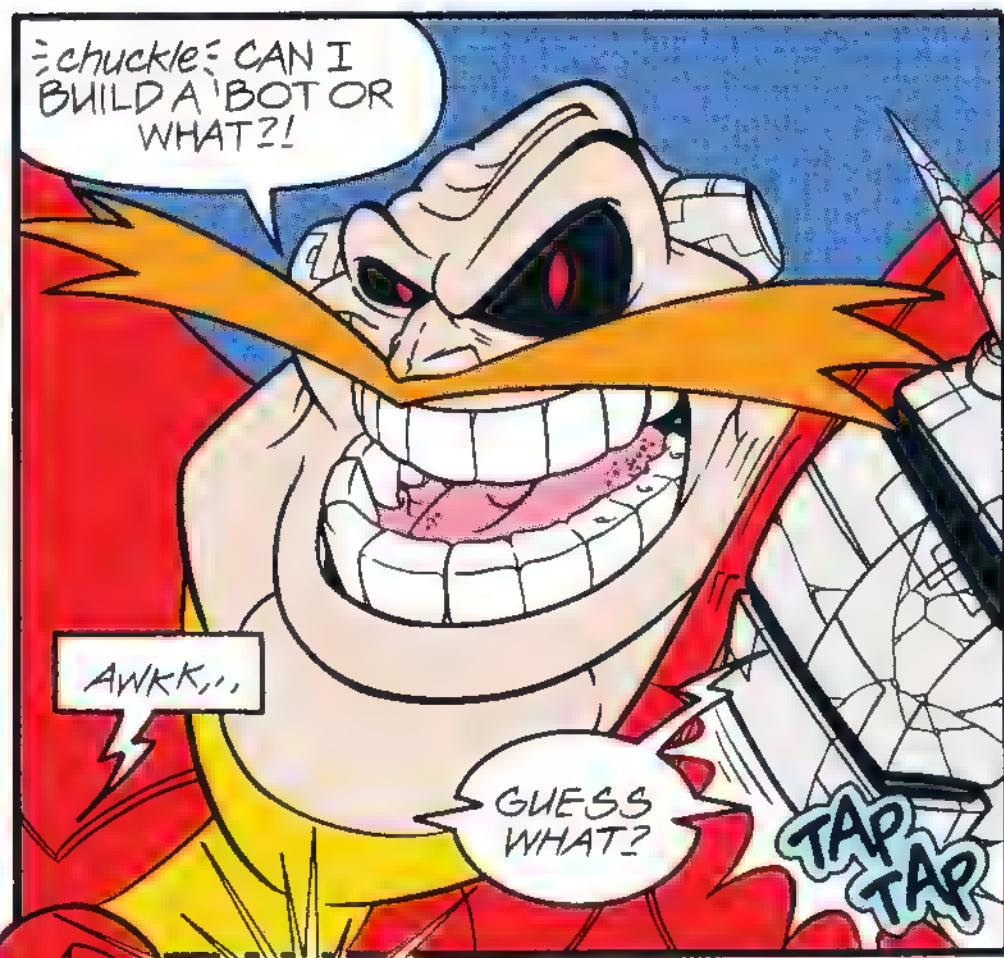
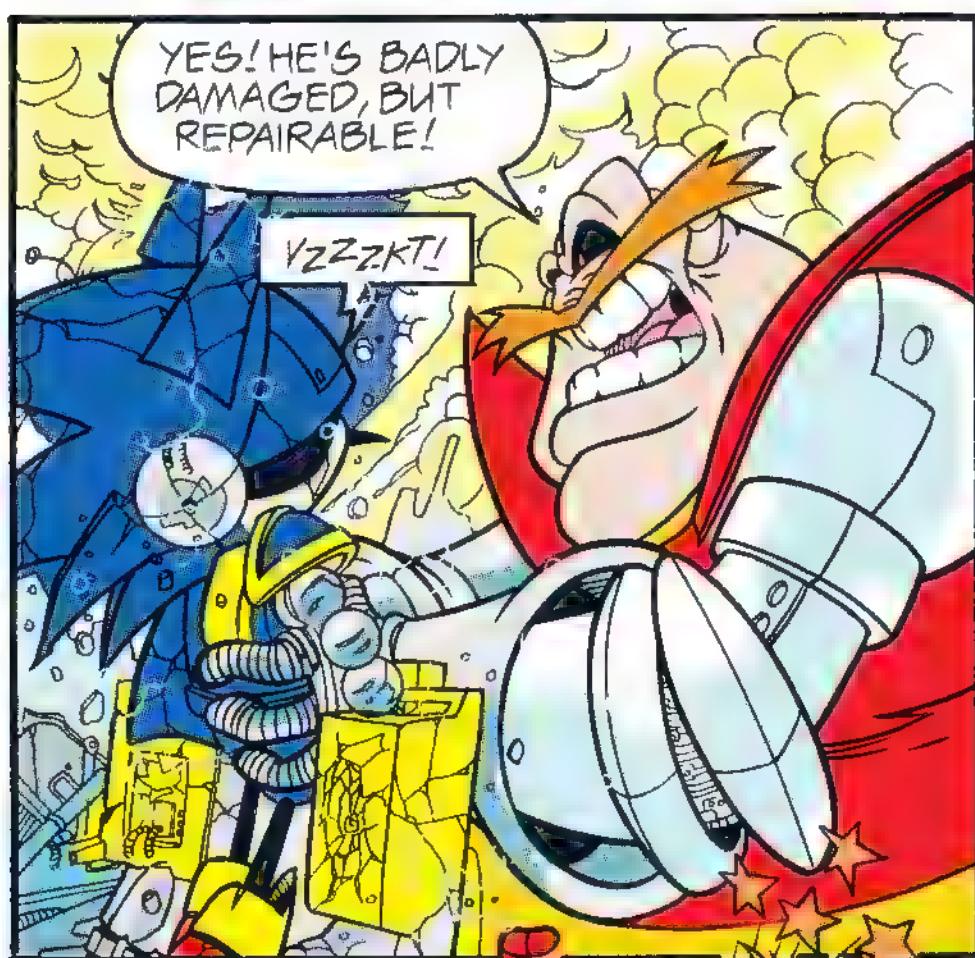
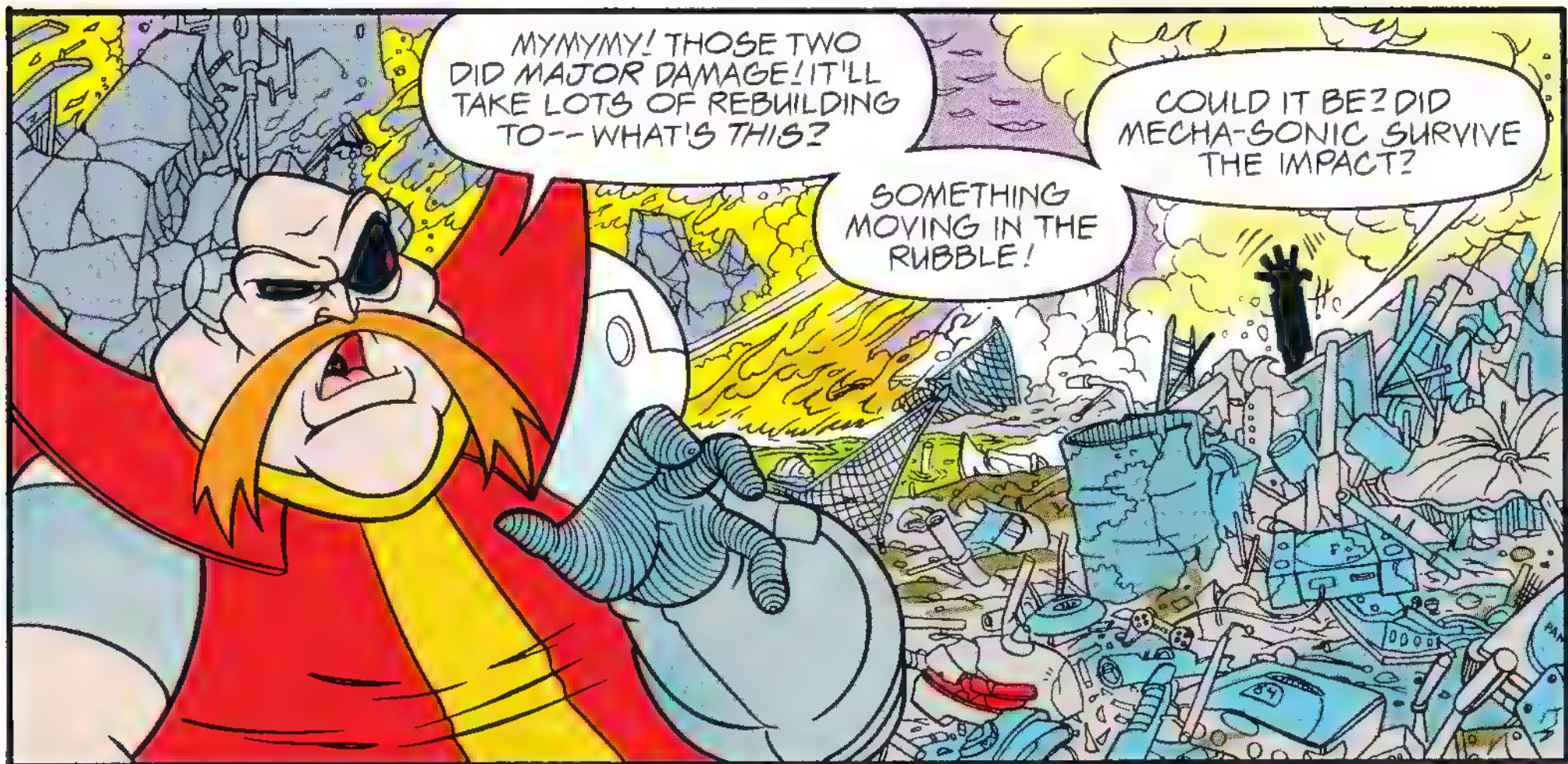
THE EERIE SILENCE IS SUDDENLY BROKEN.

CREEEEAK

K-K-KRUMF

GADZOOKS! THAT'S THE BIGGEST BACKFIRE OF MY ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER!

LUCKY I SAW THE INCOMING COMBATANTS AND RETREATED TO MY SHELTER!



GURGLEE B-BUT
HOW'D YOU COME
THROUGH THE
BLAST WITH LESS
DAMAGE?

LET'S JUST
SAY YOU DON'T
BUILD EM LIKE
YOU USED TO,
TUBBY...

BLURG...

I WAS ROBOTICIZED
BY ONE OF YOUR OLD
UNITS... BUILT BEFORE YOU
STARTED USING INFERIOR
FOREIGN PARTS... NOT ONLY
THAT, BUT MECHA-SONIC
UNSELFISHLY TURNED HIM-
SELF IN FRONT OF ME AS
WE HIT, TAKING THE FULL
BRUNT!

SO MUCH FOR YOUR
"BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" SYS-
TEM! SOMEHOW, SONIC
RETAINED A BIT OF
HIMSELF!

LIGHTS
OUT,
FATTY!

BZZTE I WISH I WAS AS
CONFIDENT AS I'M TRYING TO
SOUND... THE NUCLEAR FIRESTORM
WAS NO PICNIC FOR ME, EITHER!
EZZRpte BUT MECHA-SONIC
IS CRITICAL!

MALFUNC EZRPE
TION...

HOLY ABALONE!
IT'S THEM! CALL
SALLY!

PRINCESS, COME
BACK-LOOK!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG...

...IS ALIVE? OR
AT LEAST MECHA-
SONIC IS? OH,
KNUCKLES, YOU
DID IT!

MAYBE, SALL OLD
GAL... YOUR BOYFRIEND'S
IN BAD SHAPE!

MECHA MADNESS

PARTIES

I'LL
SAY!

HMF!

BZZZZZZZ! CLICK!

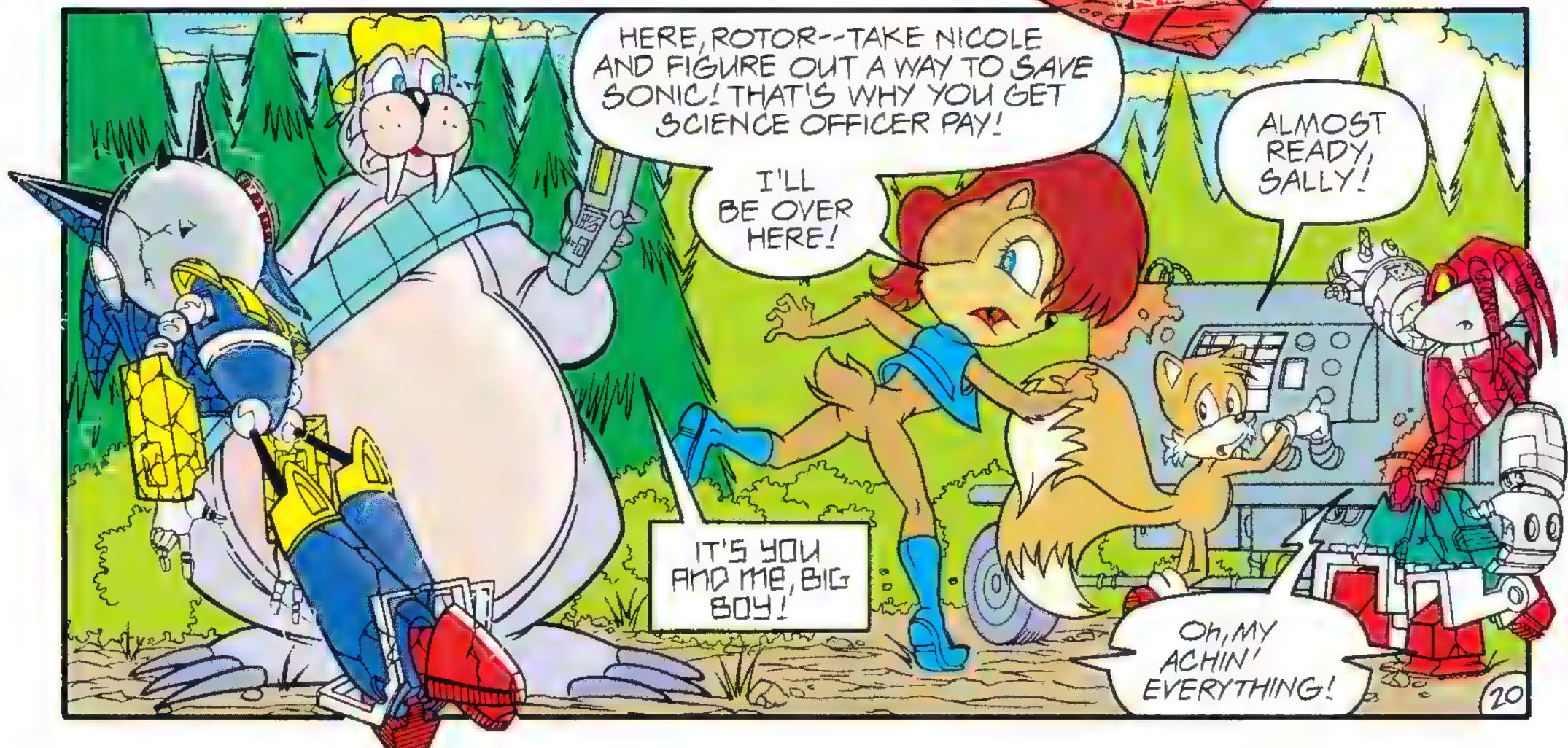
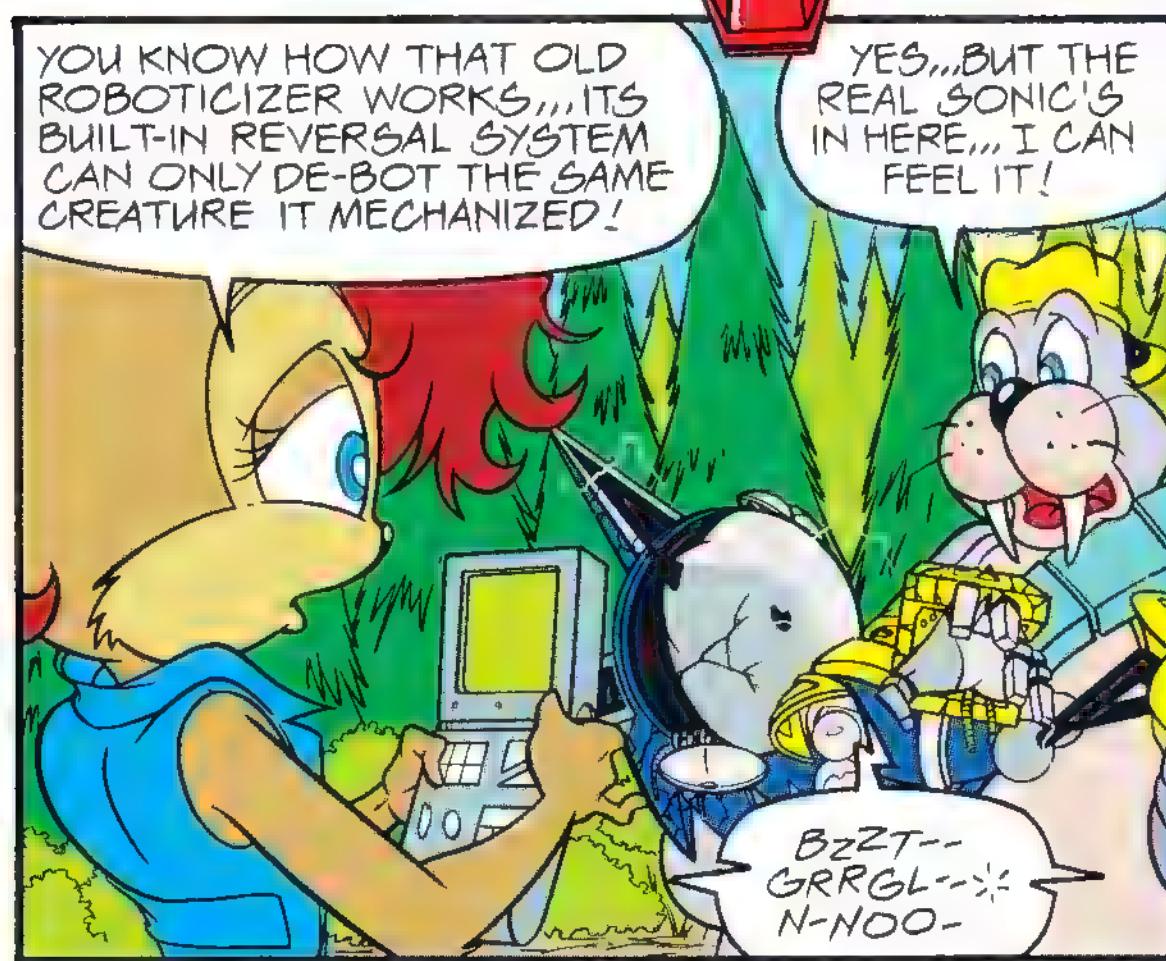
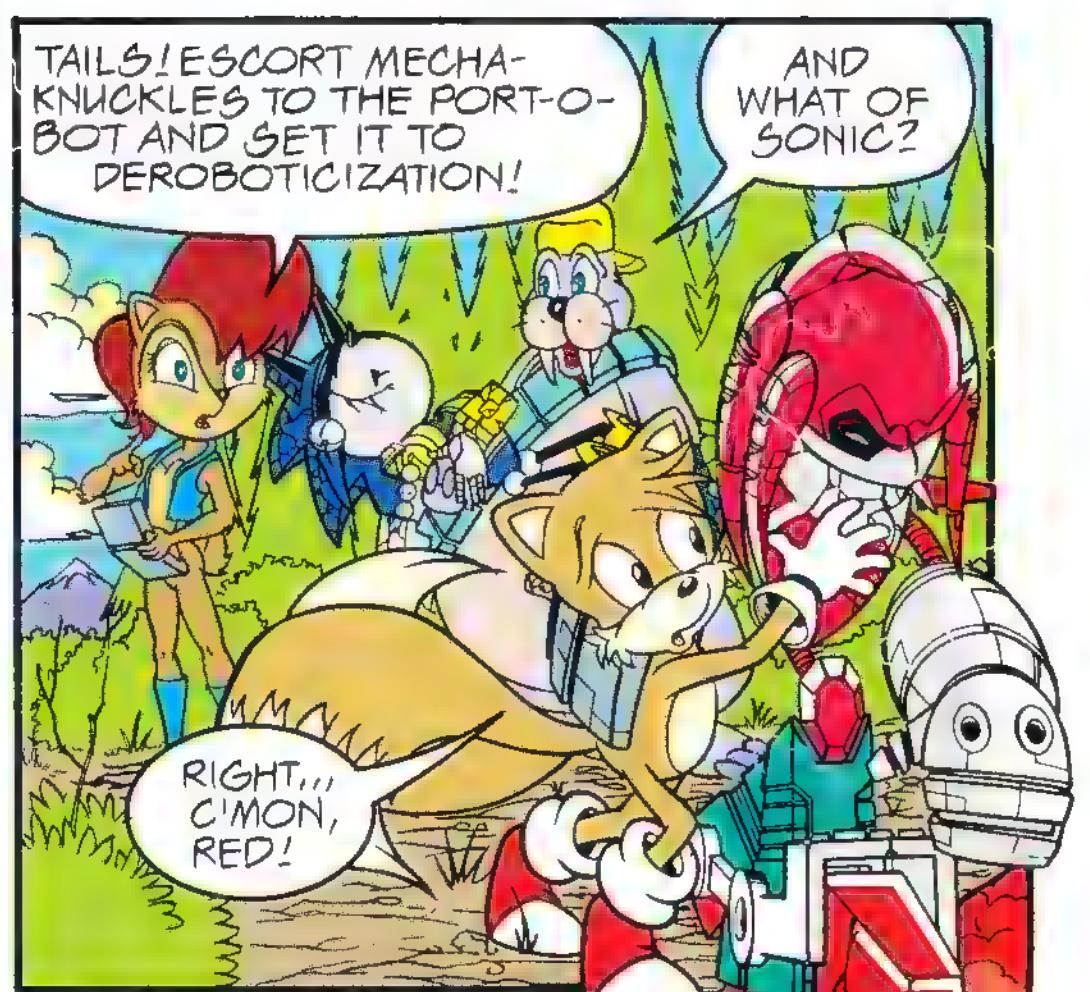
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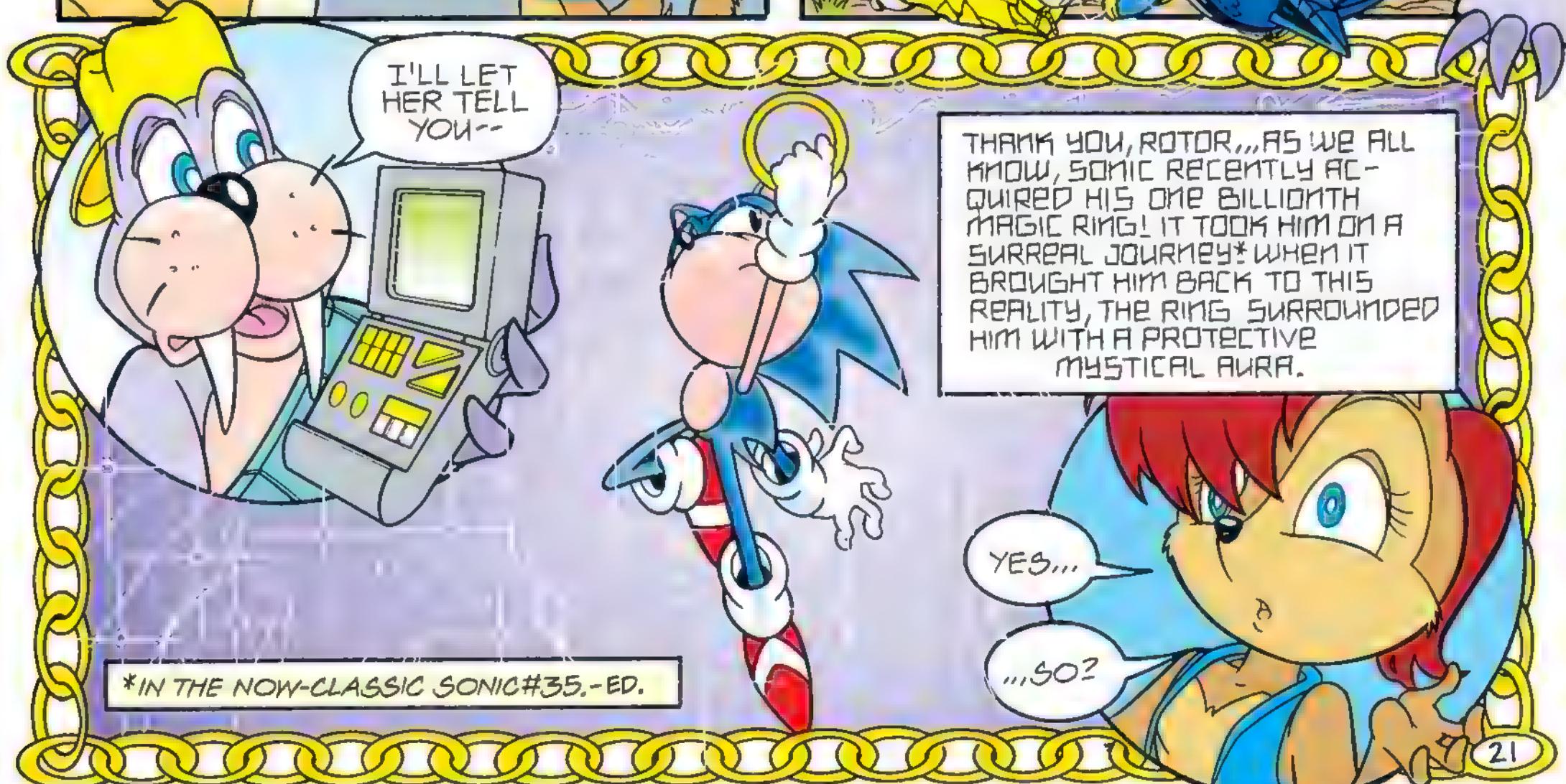
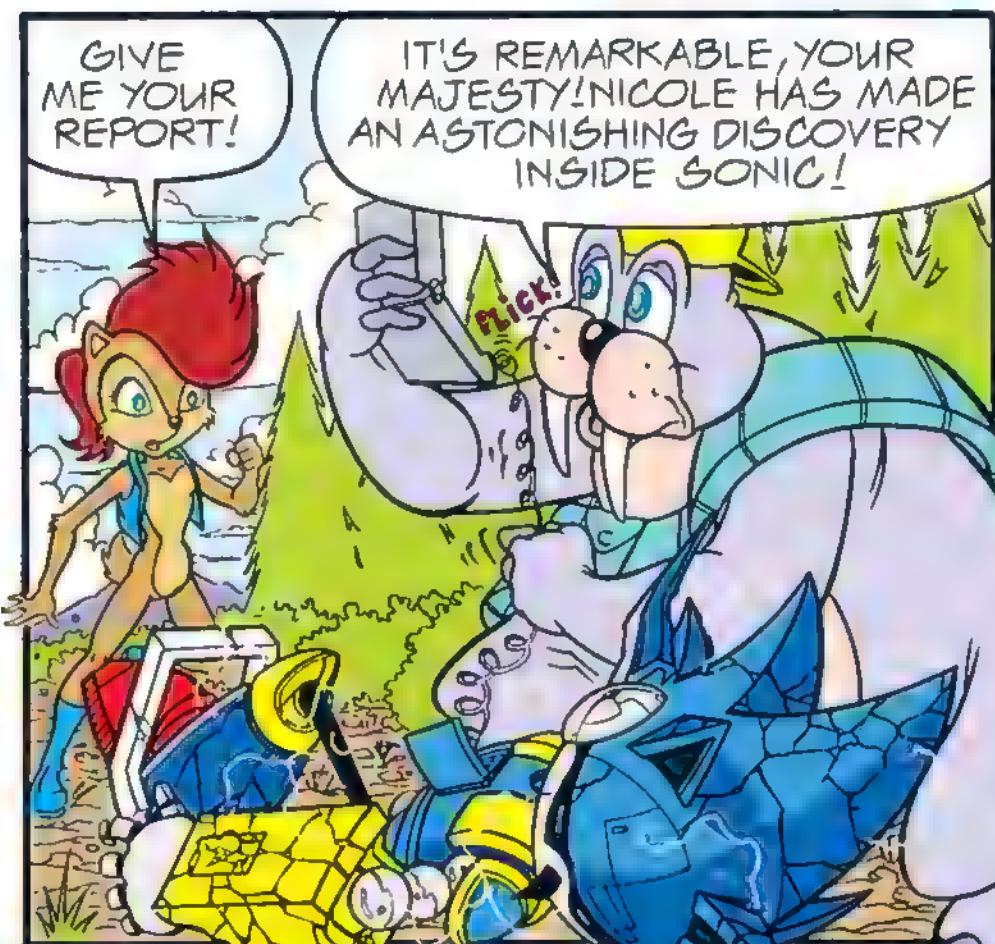
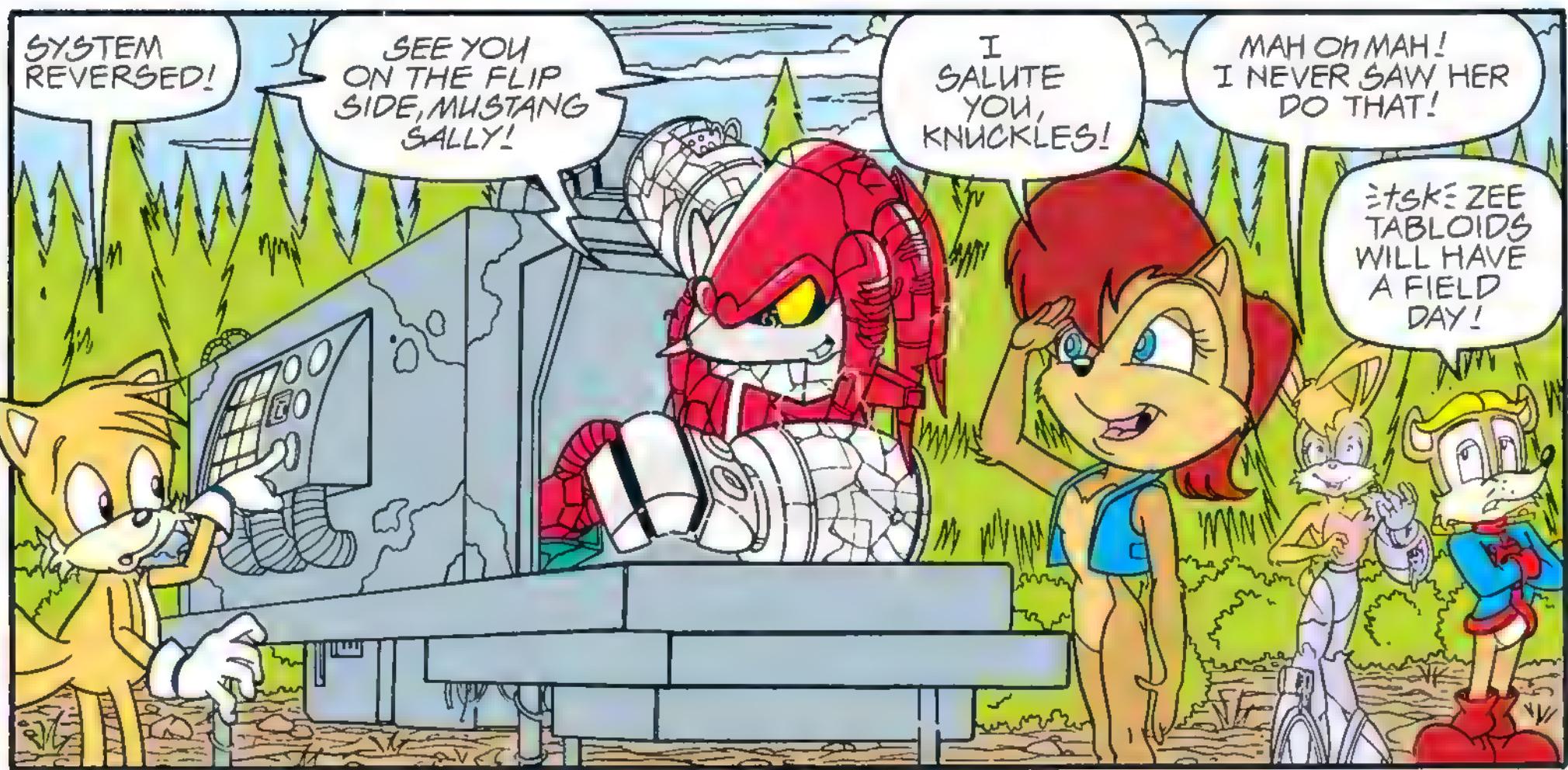
C'MERE, YOU
GREAT BIG HUNK
OF ECHIDNA...

OOF! EASY
KID... I'M
DAMAGED
GOODS, TOO!

CRK

CONFIRMED...
MECHA-KNUCKLES'
TOLERANCE LEVELS
BEYOND MAXIMUM.
DANGER OF
BURNOUT.





UNKNOWN TO US, IT ALSO CREATED AN INTERNAL SHIELD! ALTHOUGH THIS AURA DIDN'T PREVENT MECHANIZATION, IT DID ABSORB AND RETAIN SONIC'S "LIFE FORCE"!

ROBOTNIK'S "BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" DEVICE COULDN'T PENETRATE THE MAGIC FIELD. SONIC'S PERSONALITY STILL RESIDES THERE.

WONDERFUL! LET'S RETRIEVE IT A.S.A.P!

ERR...WELL-- HMM--OVER TO YOU, ROTOR!

OH, THANKS A LOT!

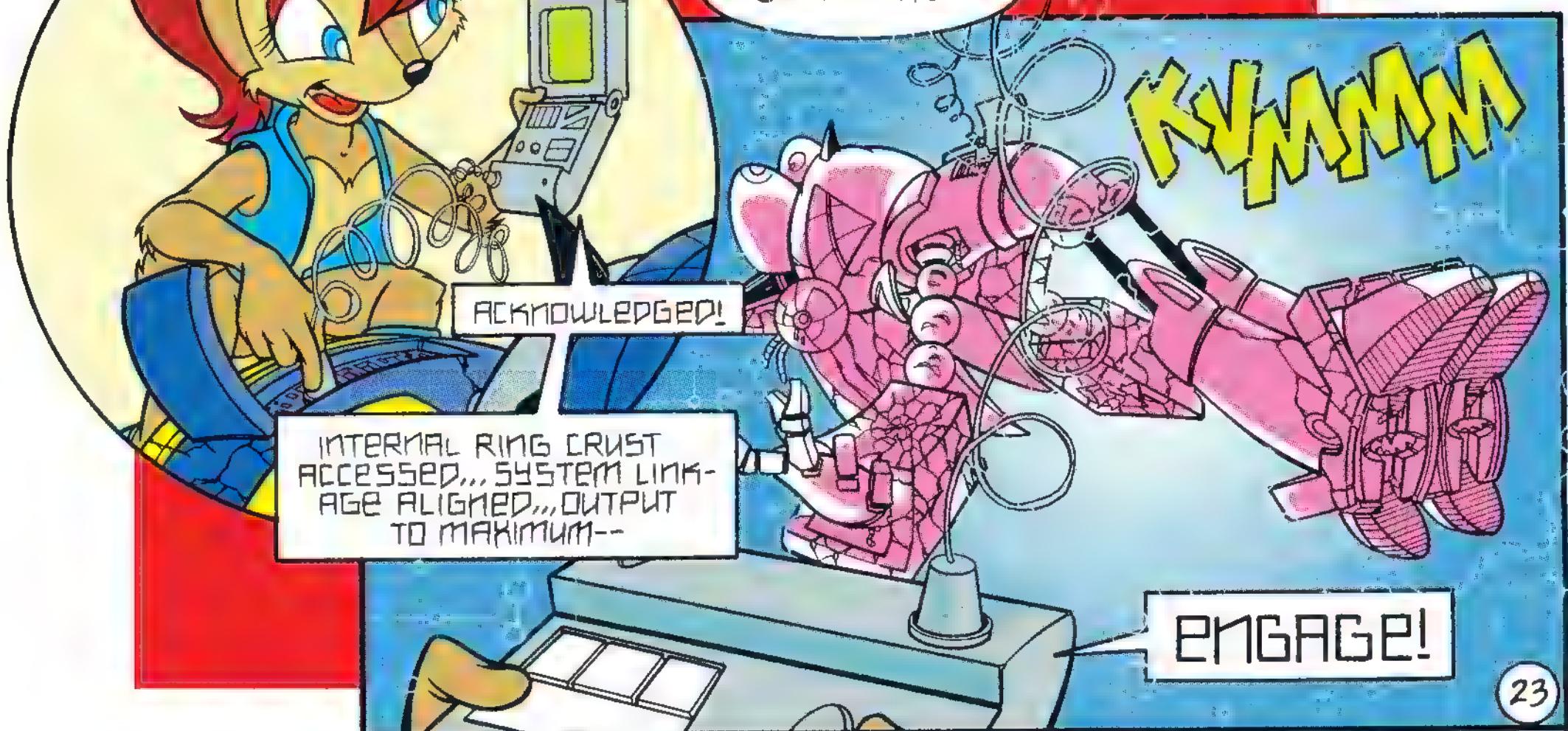
Ahem...SALLY, NORMALLY I'D HOOK UP MECHA-SONIC TO MY LAB FULL OF EQUIPMENT AND TRY TO BRING HIM BACK...BUT IT'S TOAST ALONG WITH THE REST OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

OH, DEAR... MAYBE WE CAN SALVAGE SOME COMPONENTS?

I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME, PRINCESS. =Choke=

=Sniff=

IN=VRAP=DEED... I'M LATE FOR MY =KZZTE EXPIRATION DATE...



AT FIRST, NOTHING
SEEMED TO BE
HAPPENING...

...THEN ALL AT ONCE,
RAW MAGIC ENERGY
RIPPLES OUTWARD,
OVERRIDING REALITY...

...RESTORING THE
TRUE SPIRITUAL AND
PHYSICAL ESSENCE
OF SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!

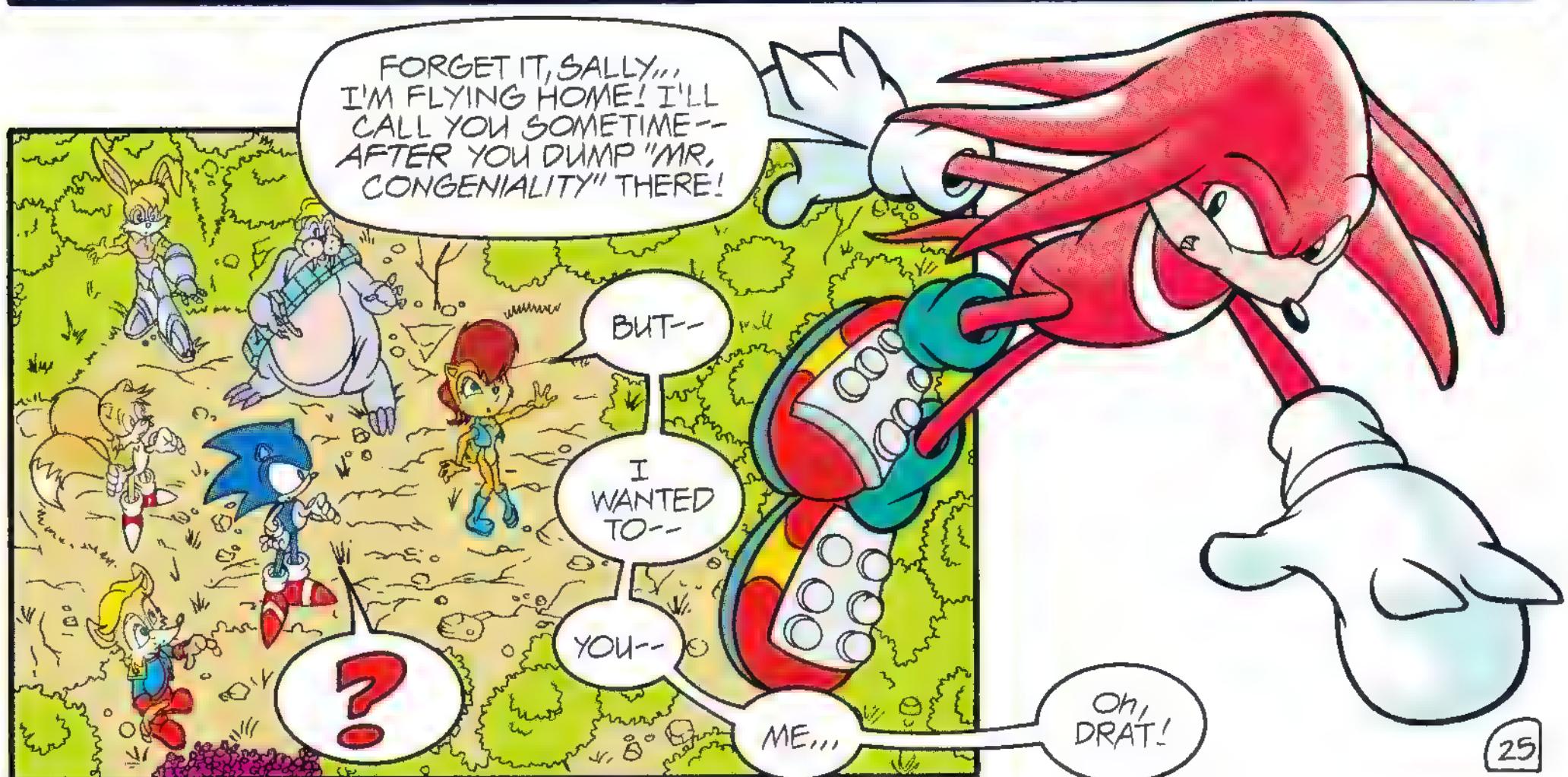
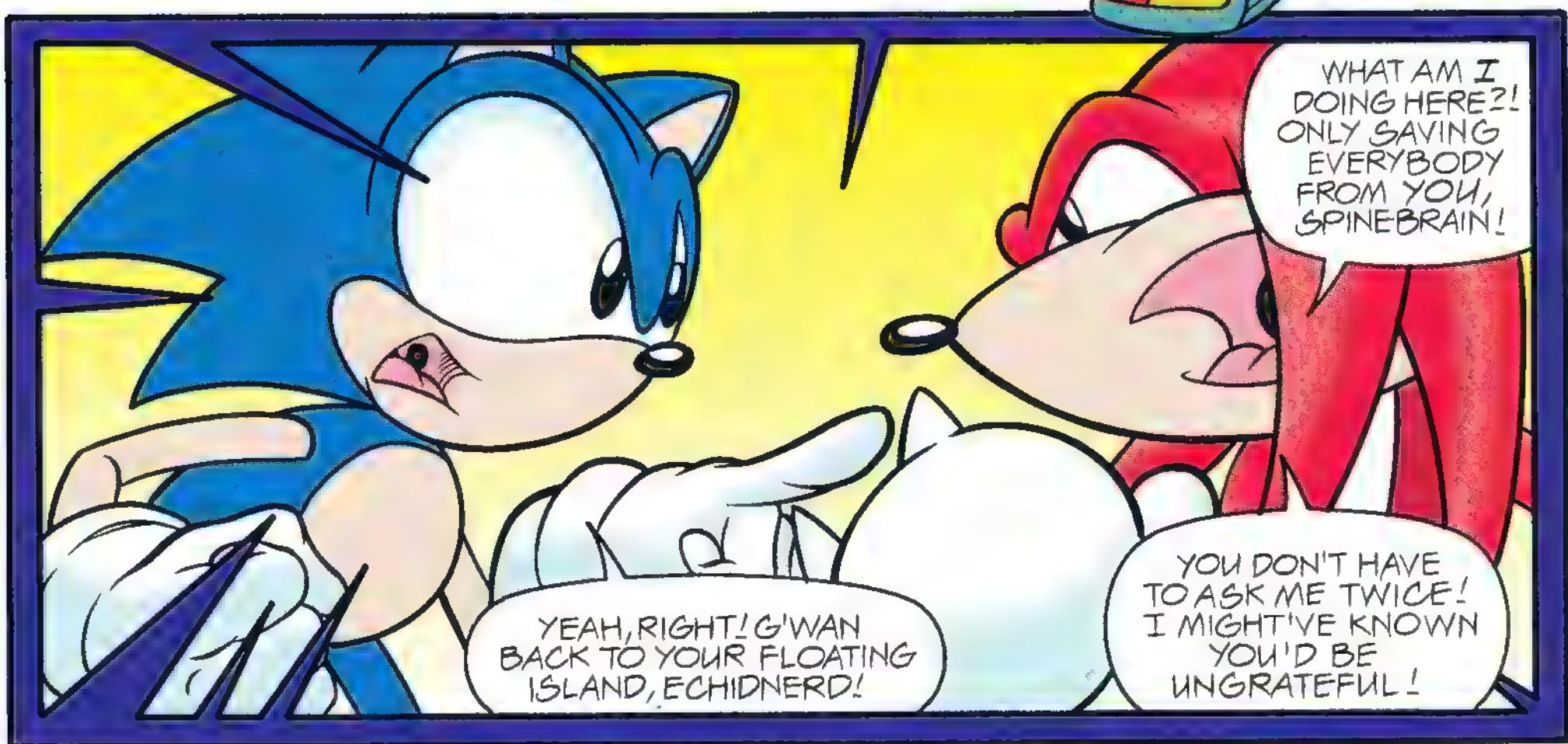
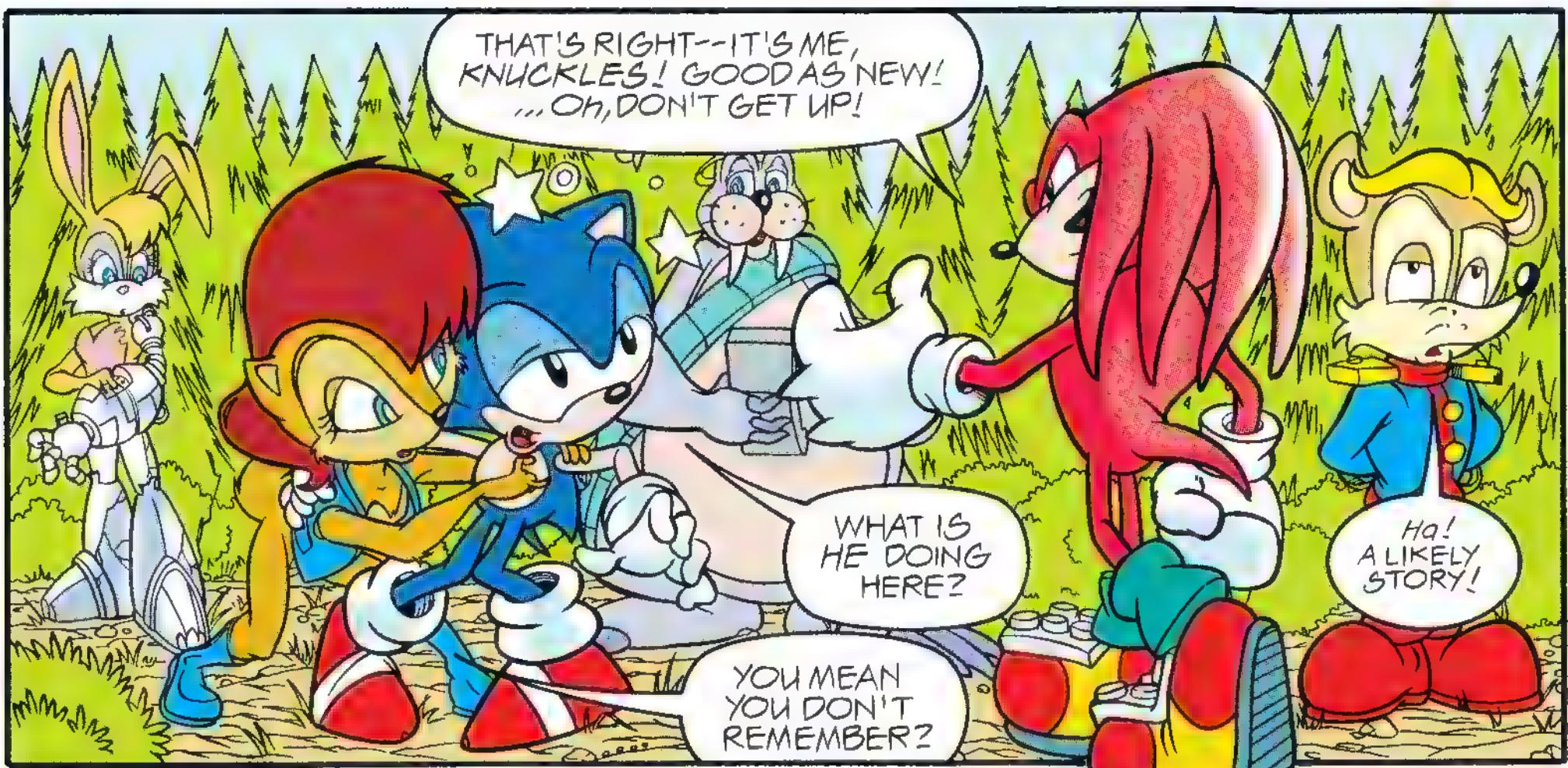
IT WORKED!
I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT... YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT!

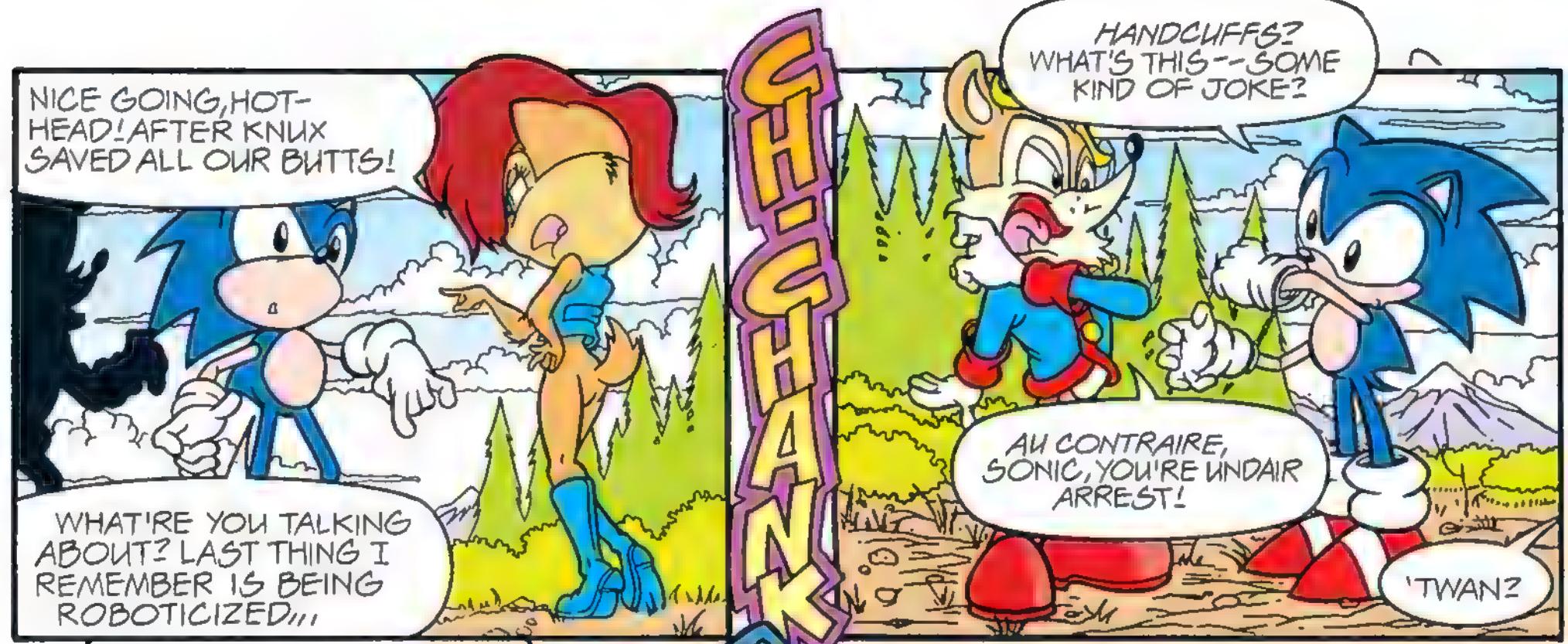
I WILL BE
AFTER THIS MI-
GRANE HEADACHE
LETS UP!

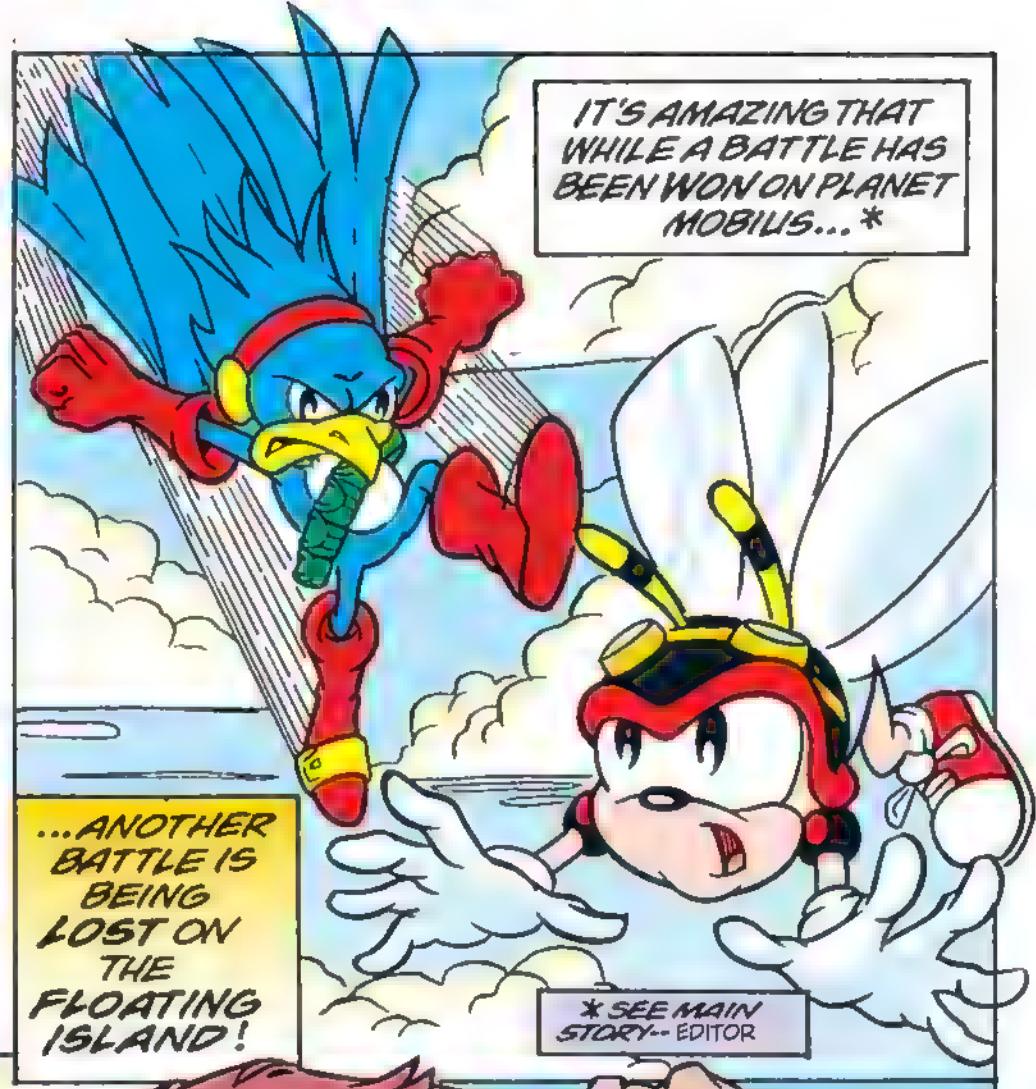
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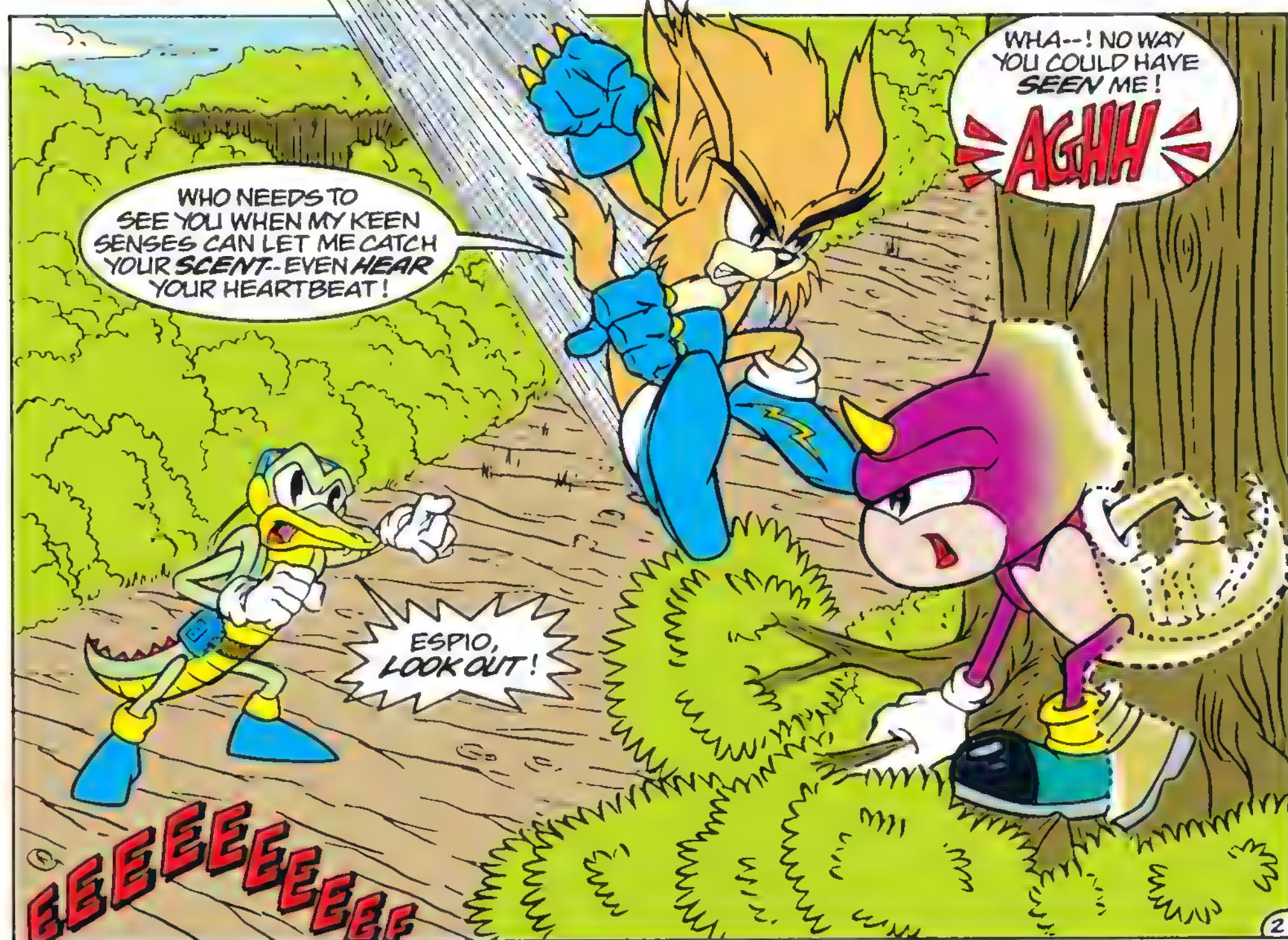
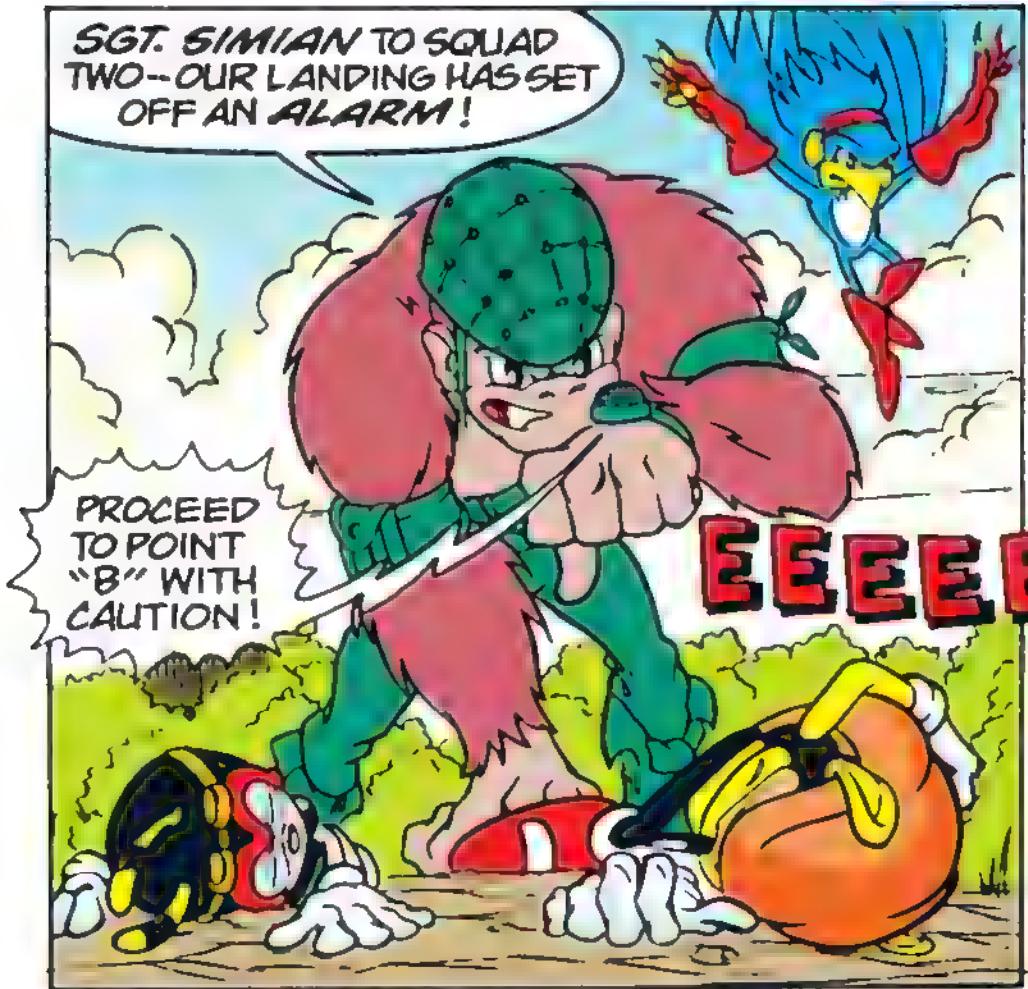
NICE
JOB,
NICOLE!

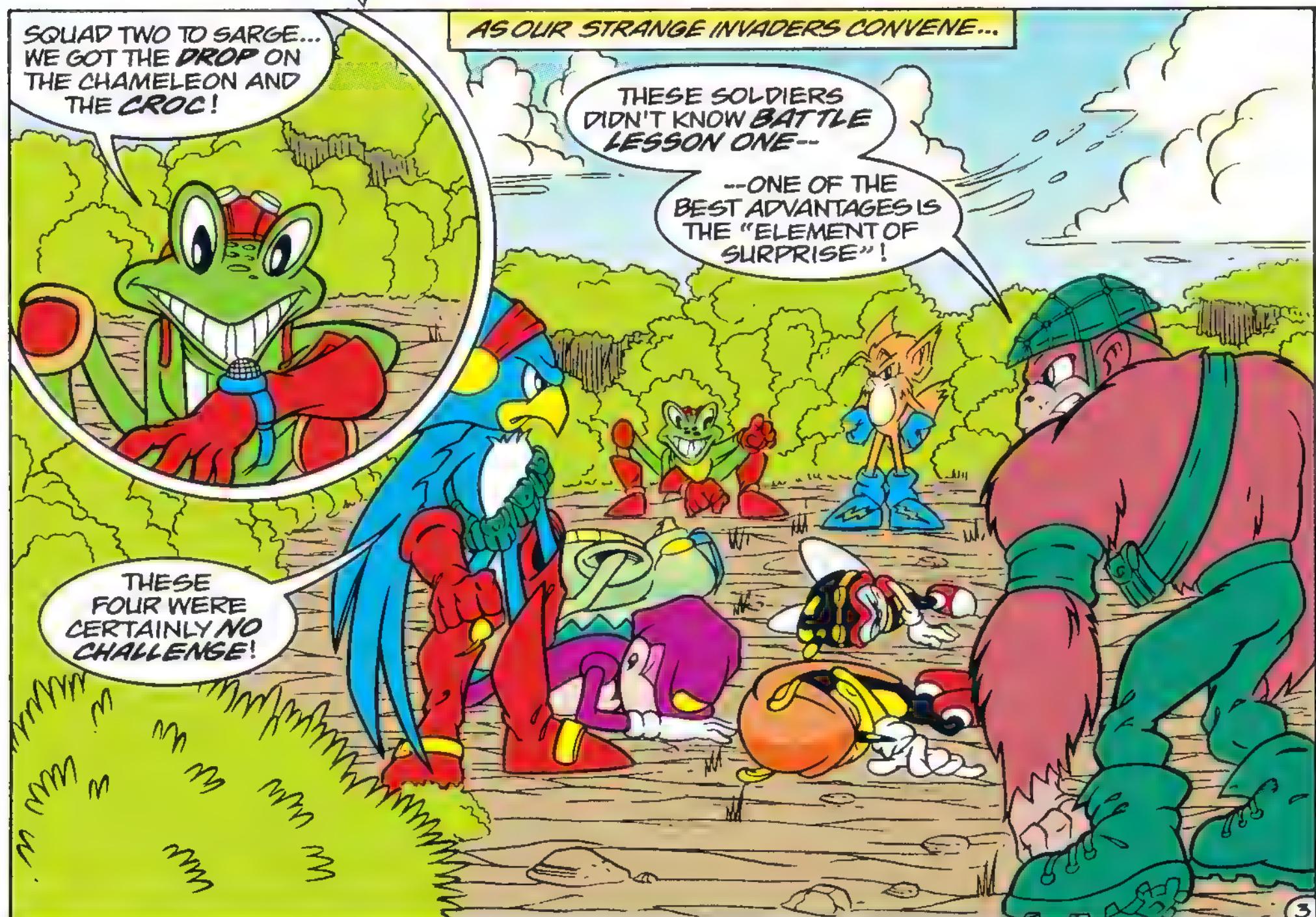
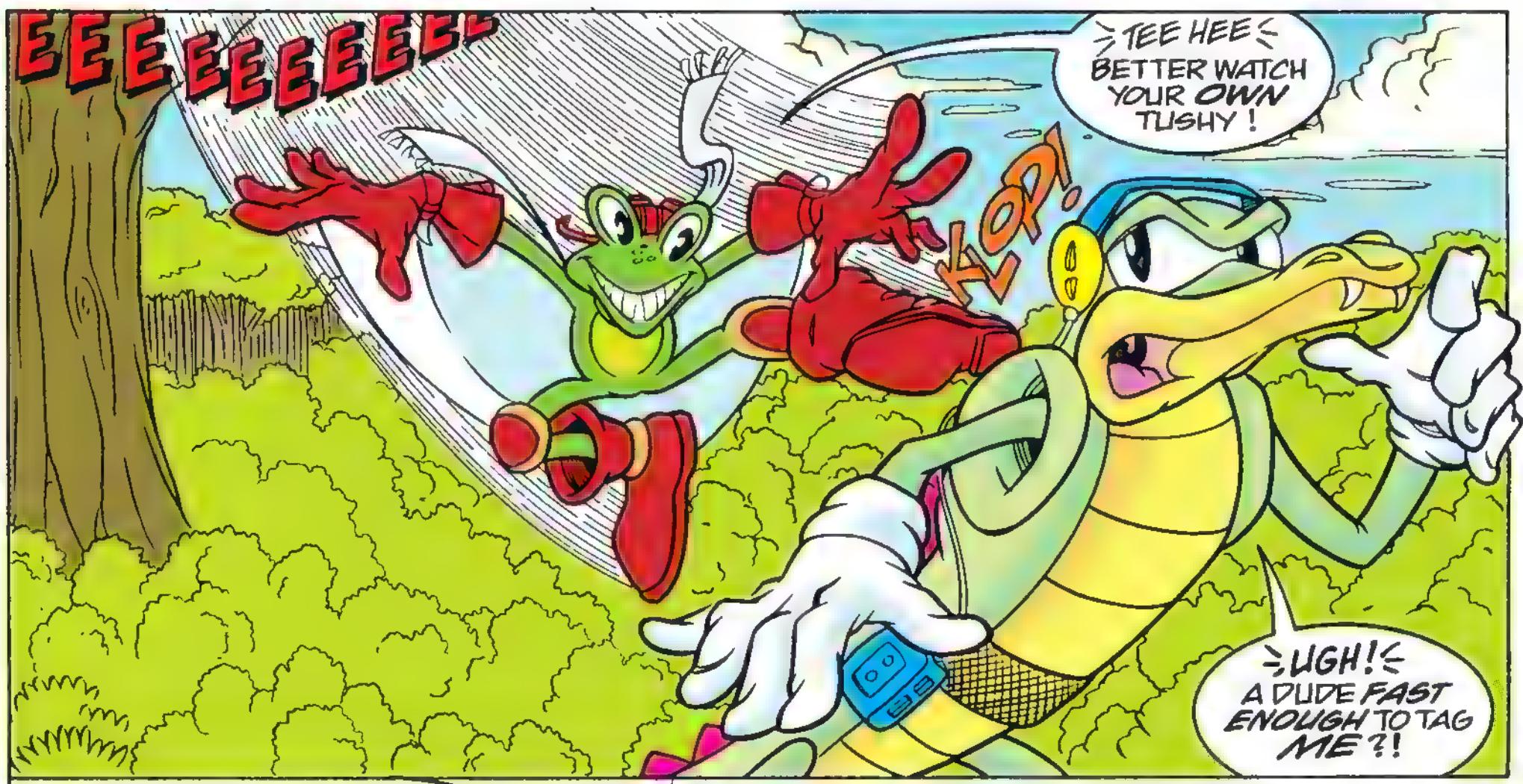
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LOOK WHO'S BACK
AND BLUE!

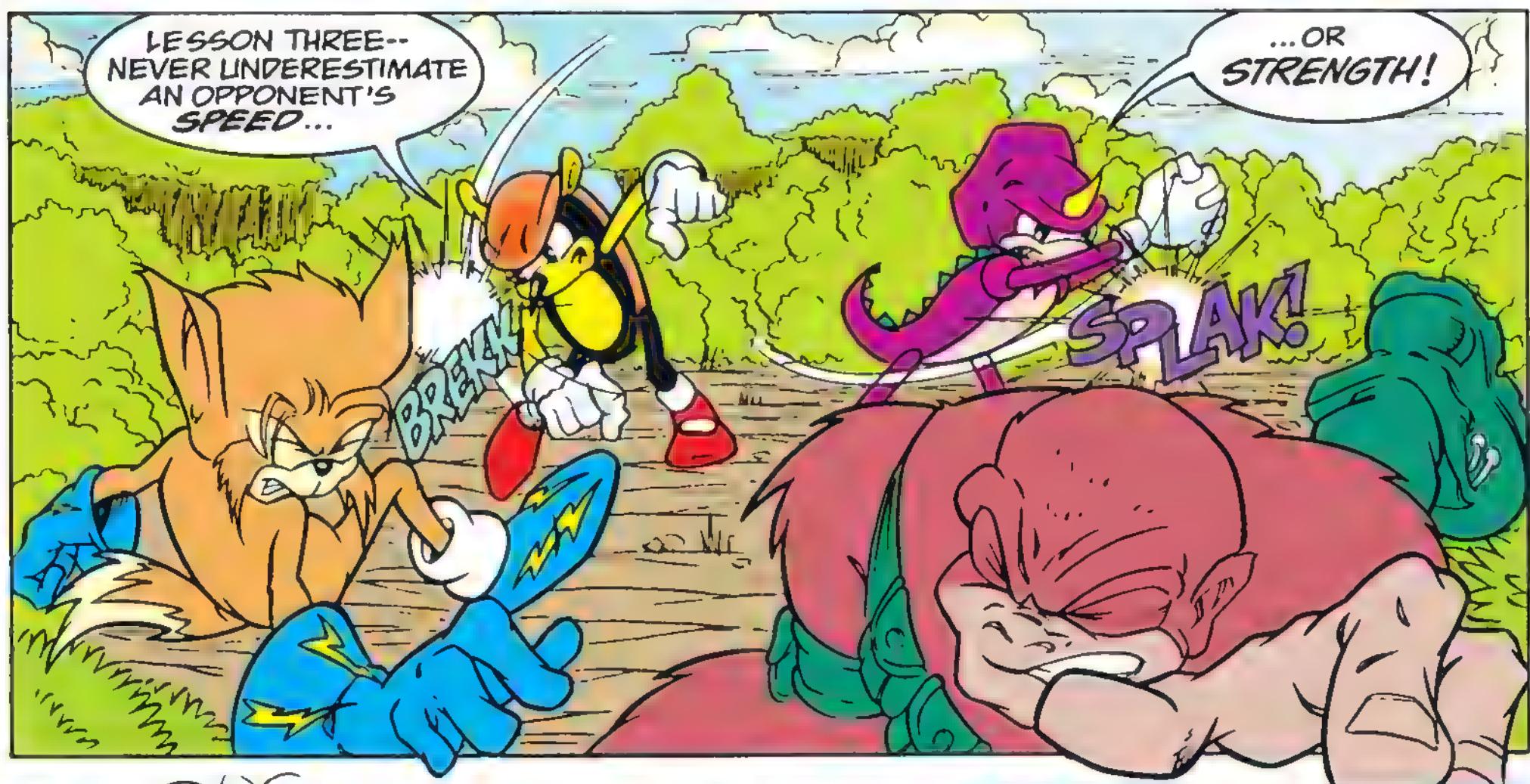
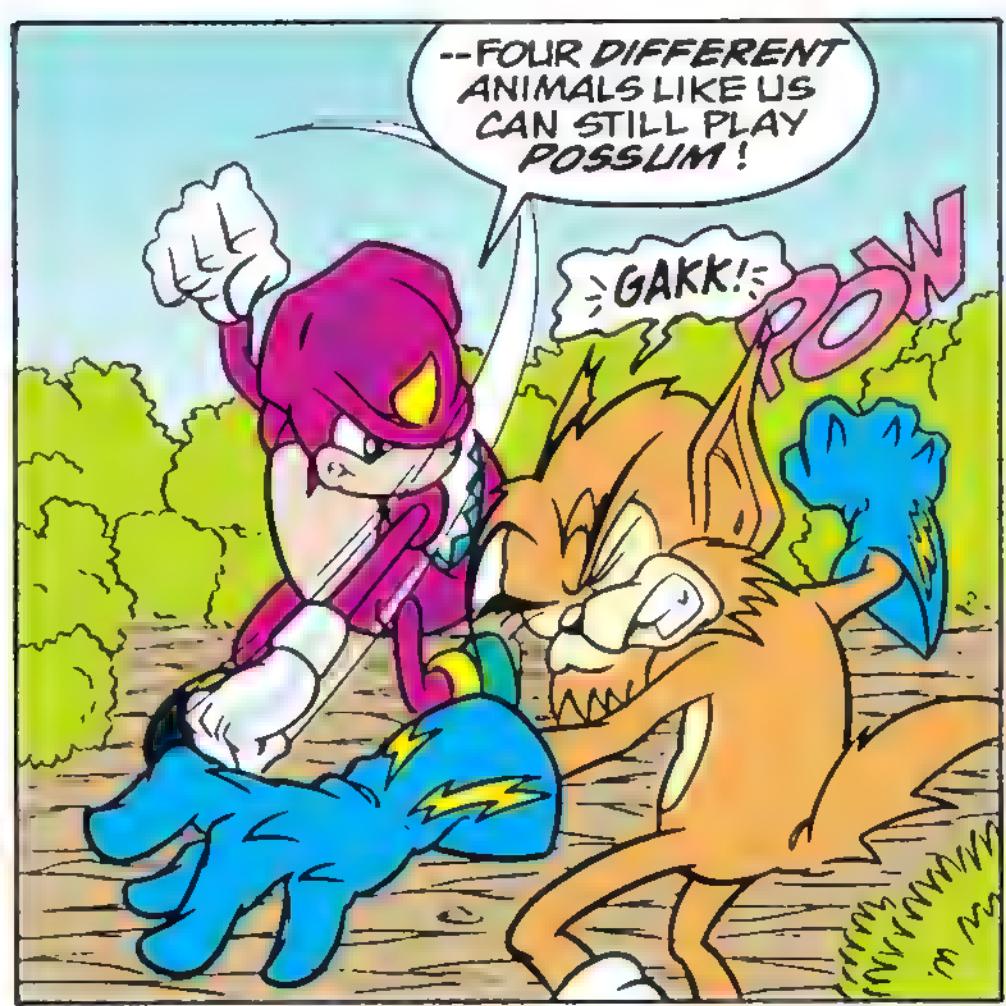
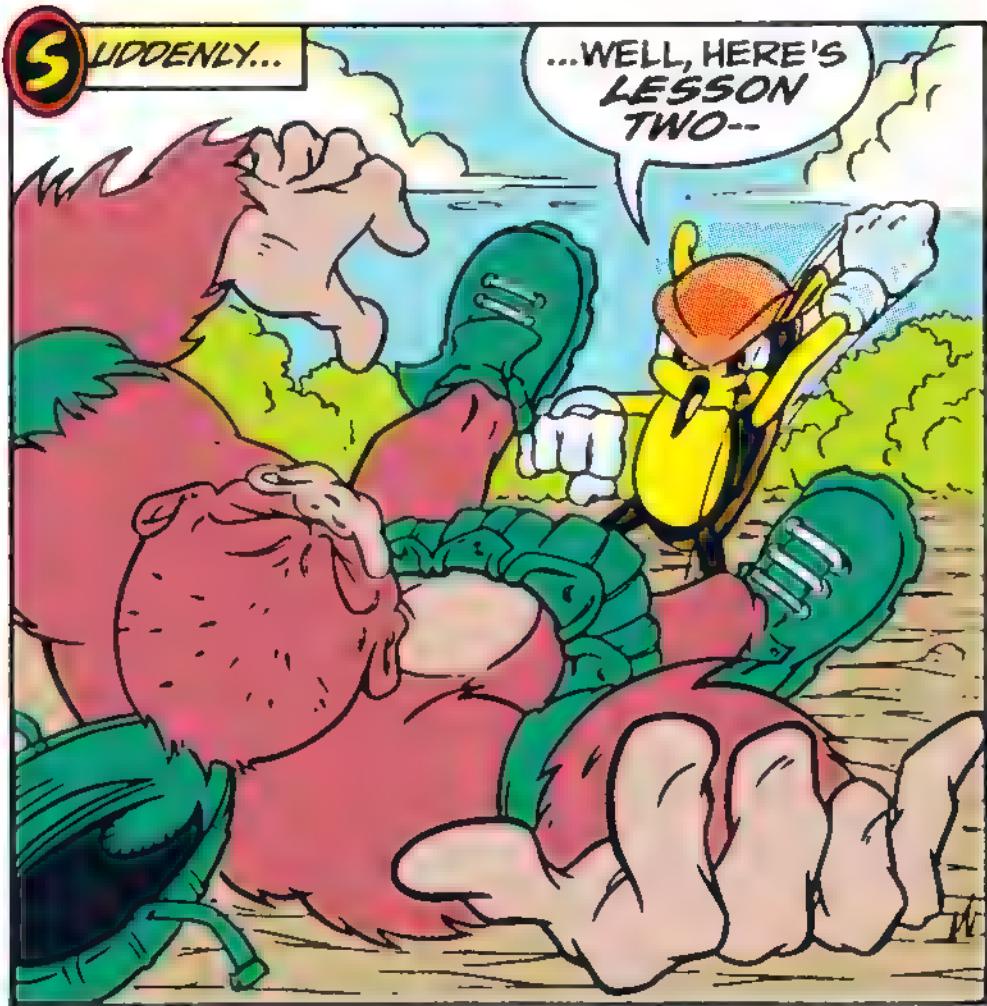


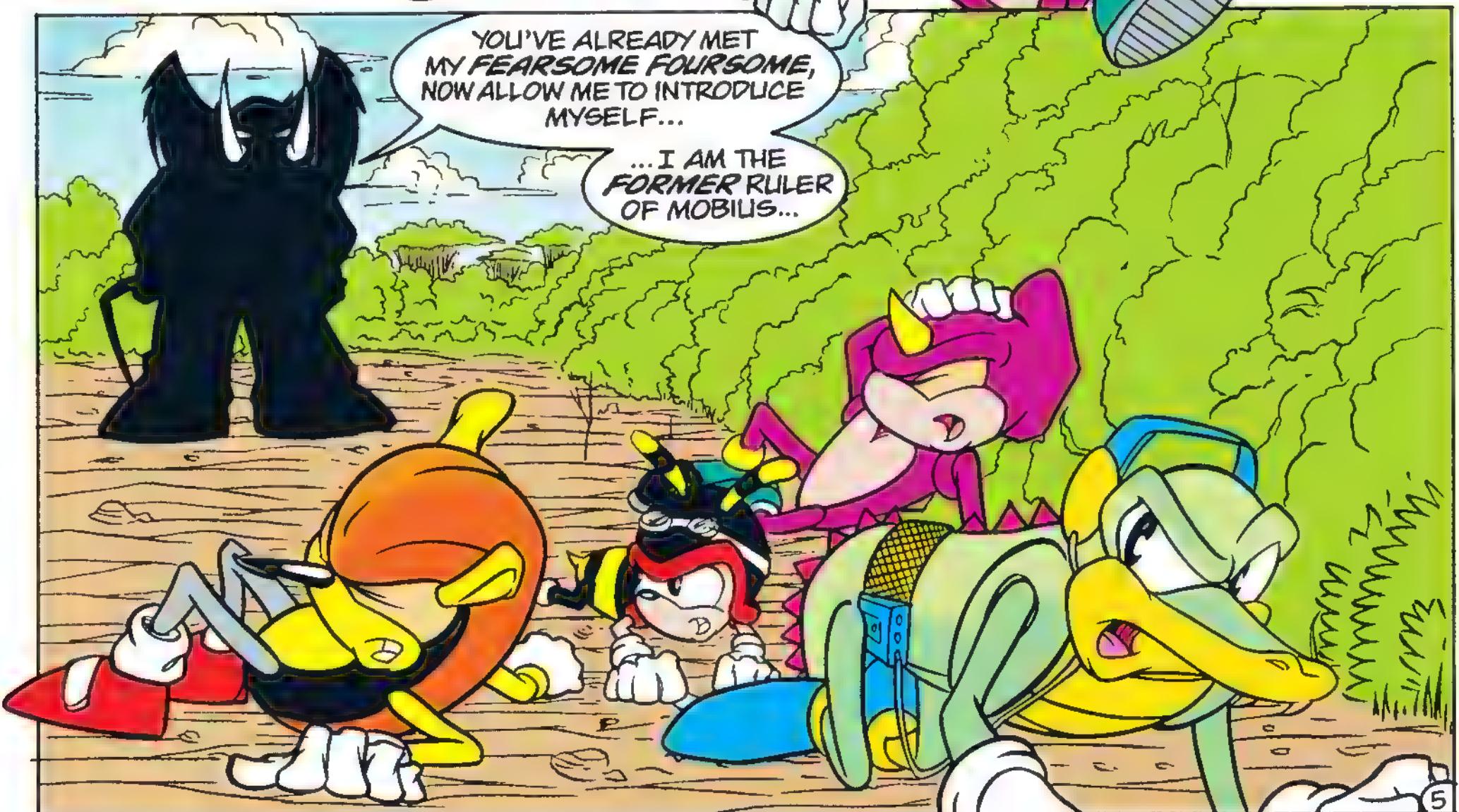
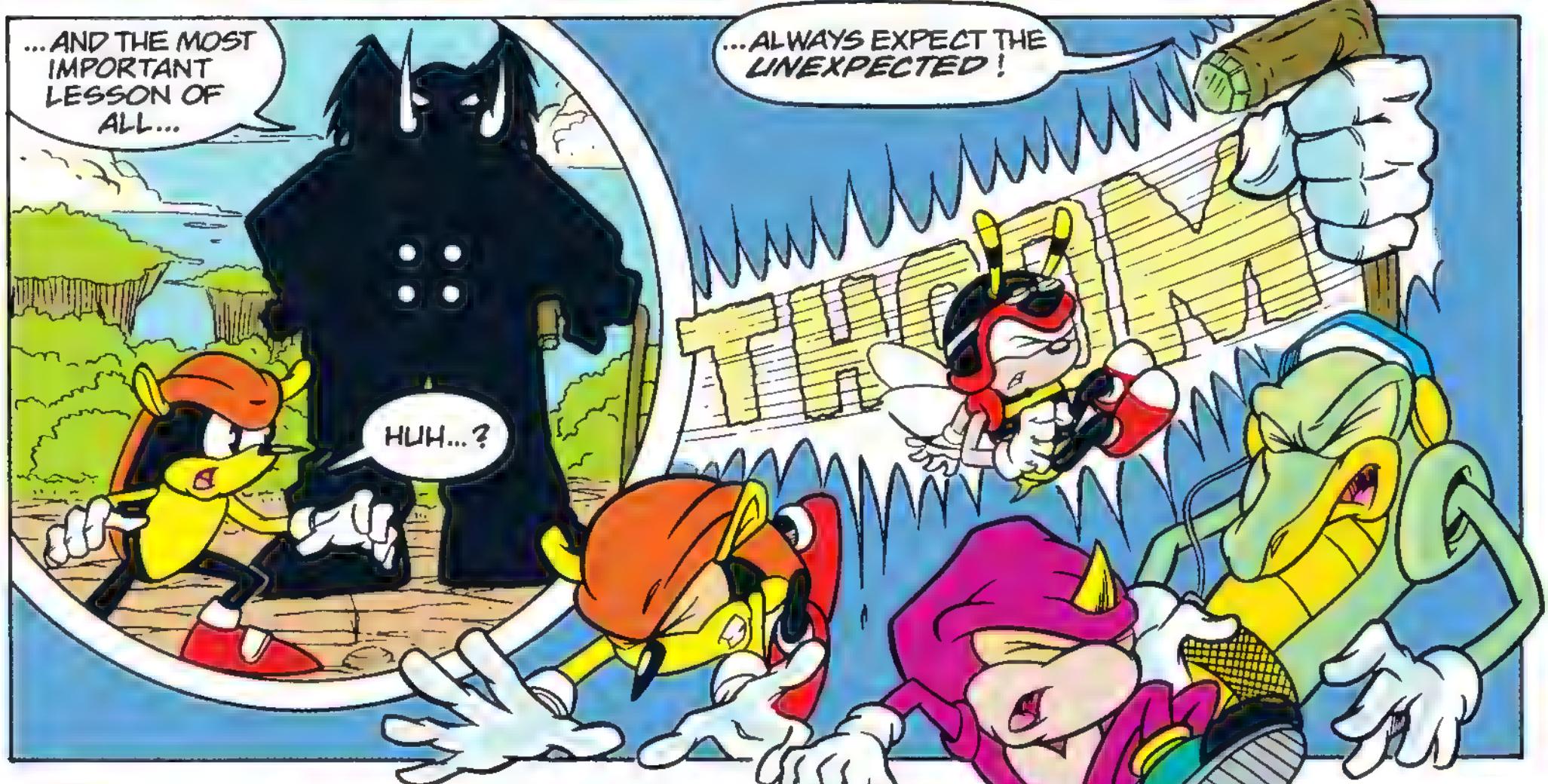
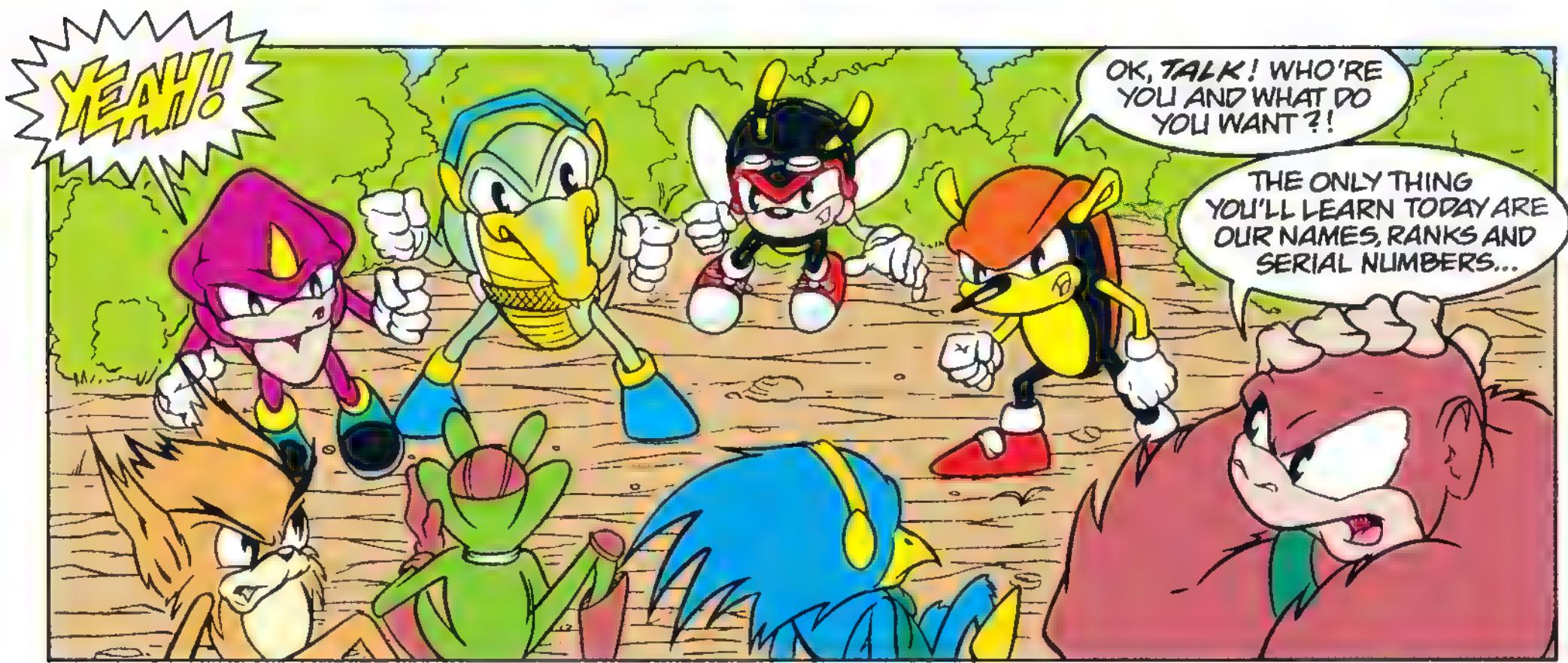




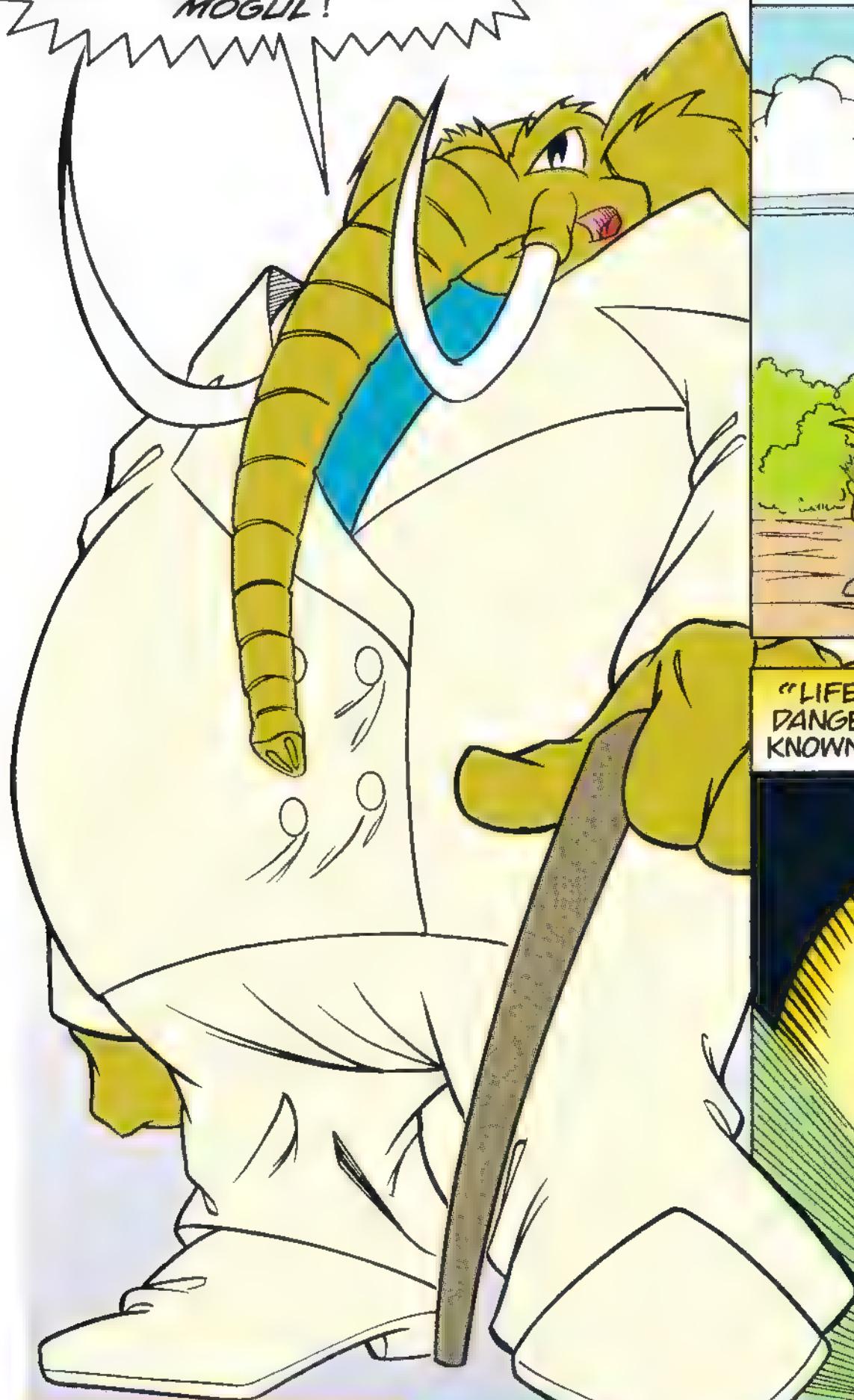




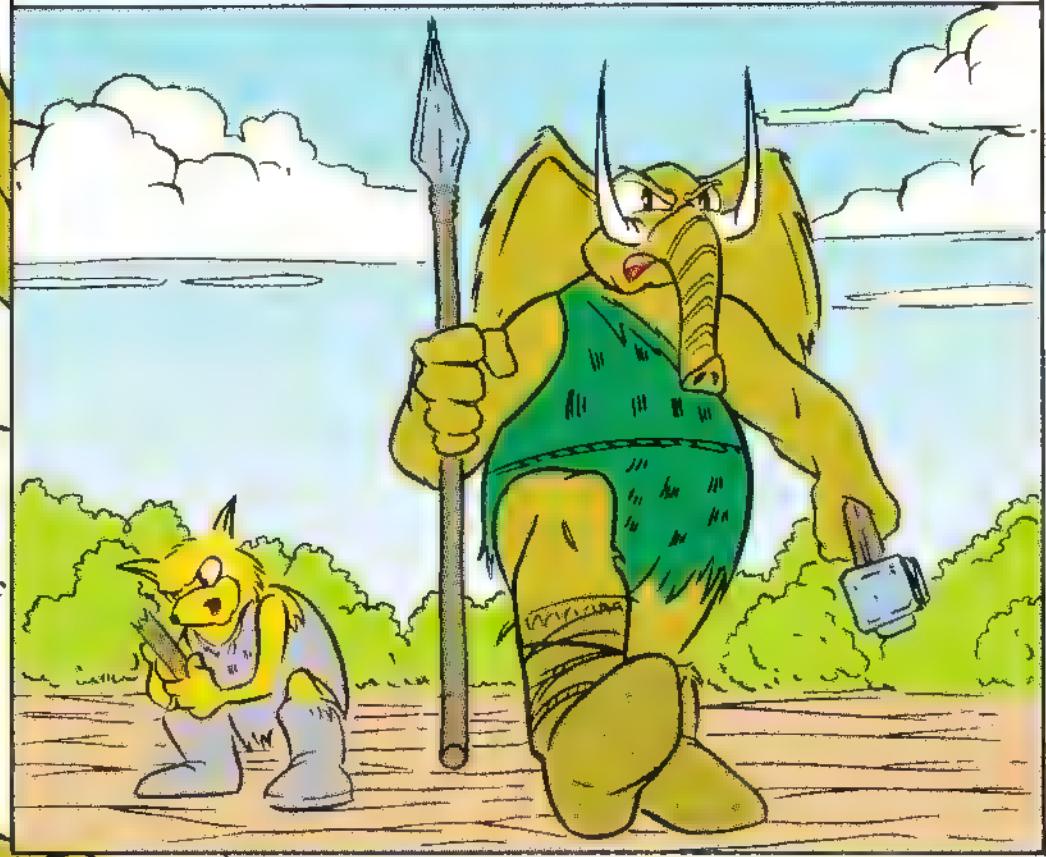




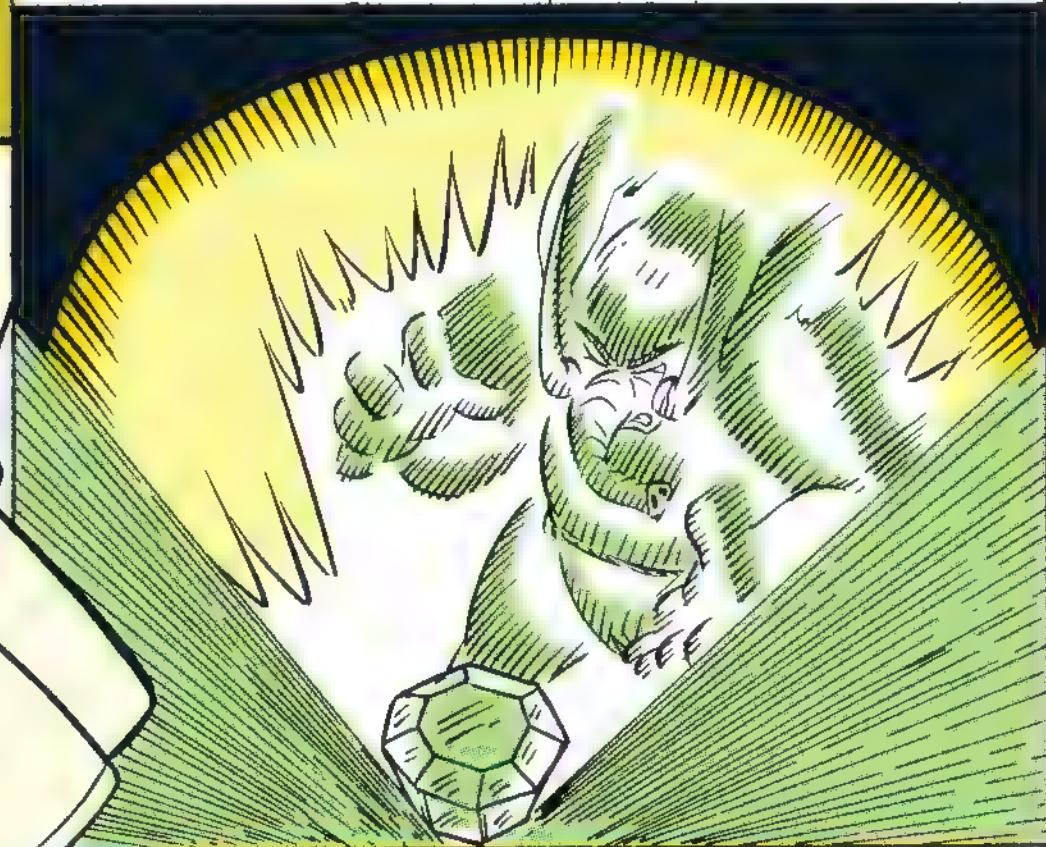
...AND ITS FUTURE LORD AND
MASTER... I AM THE SUPREME
BEING KNOWN AS... MAMMOTH
MOGUL!



"I WAS BORN ON MOBIUS EONS AGO... LONG
AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS,
BUT CENTURIES BEFORE MOST MODERN RACES...

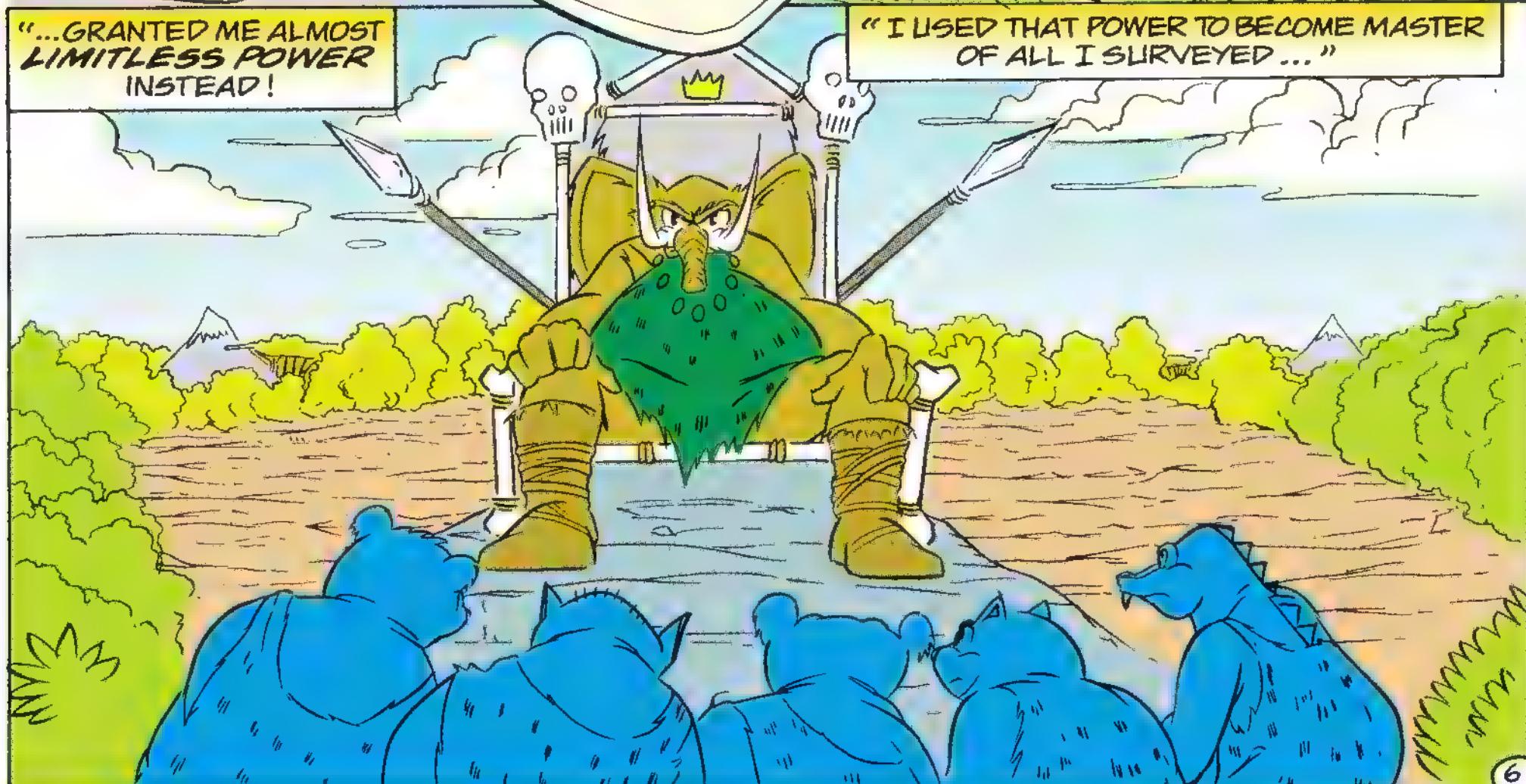


"LIFE THEN WAS FRAUGHT WITH MYSTERY AND
DANGER... AND A BOLT OF ENERGY FROM AN UN-
KNOWN JEWEL WHICH SHOULD HAVE CAUSED DEATH...



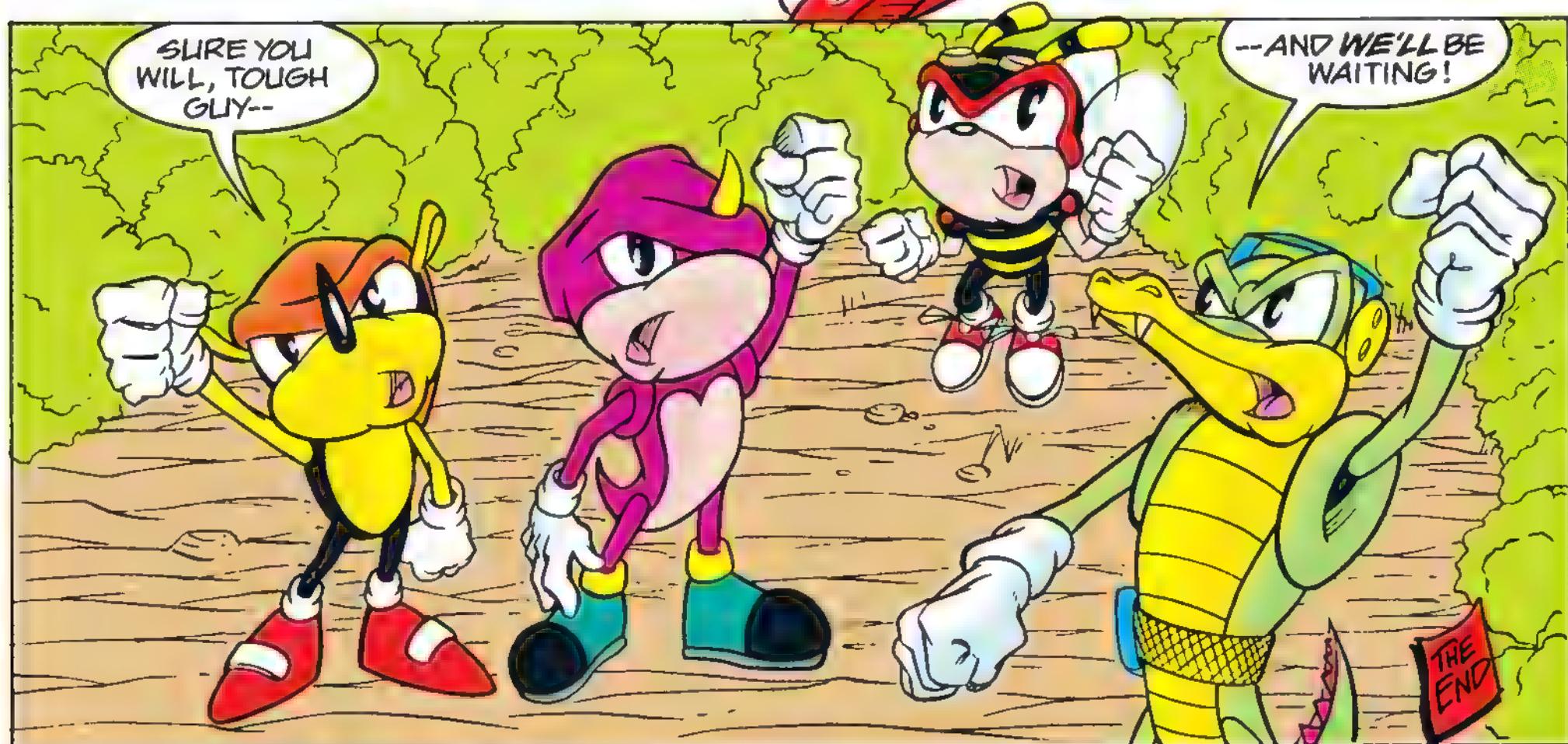
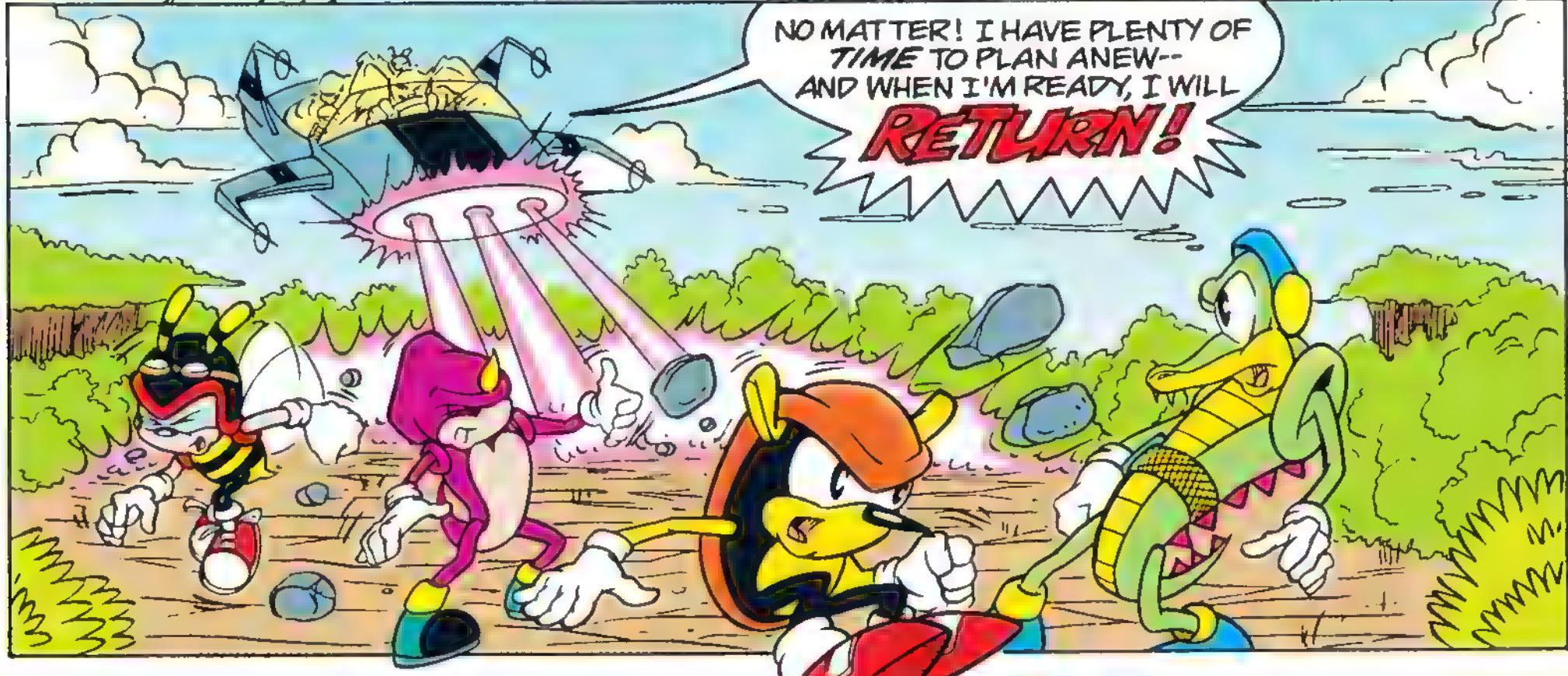
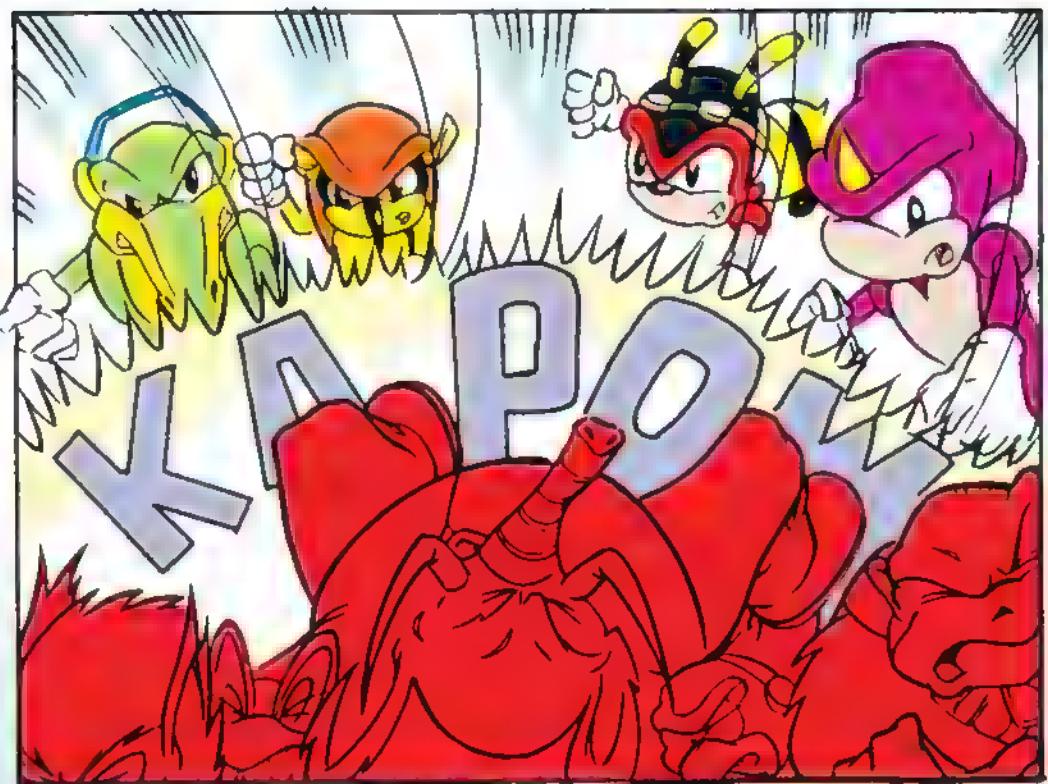
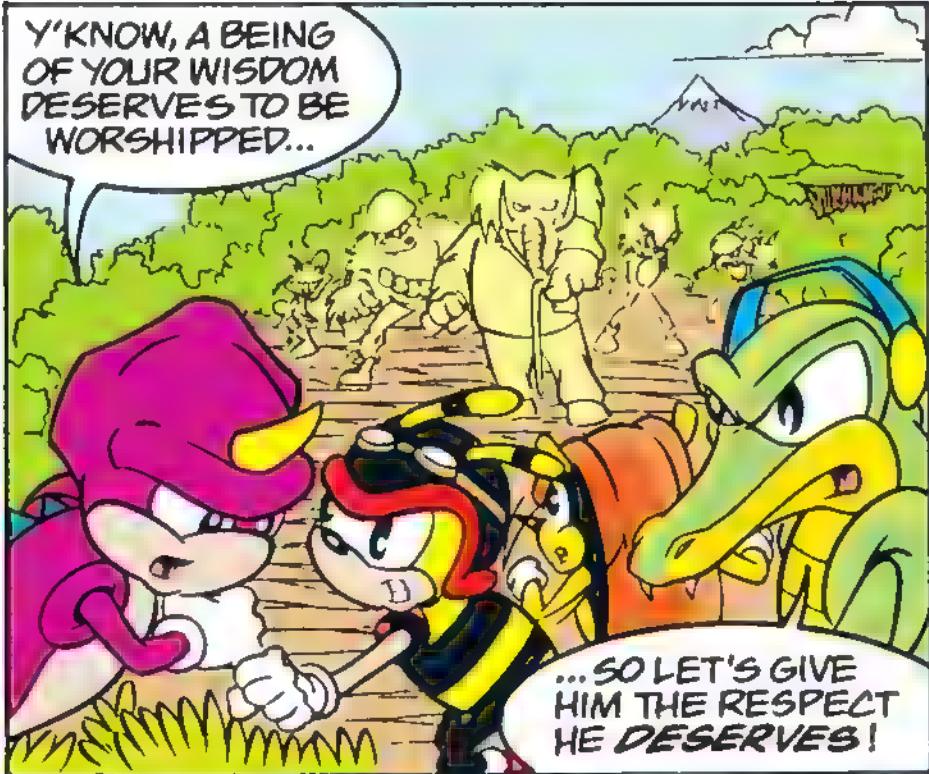
"...GRANTED ME ALMOST
LIMITLESS POWER
INSTEAD!"

"I USED THAT POWER TO BECOME MASTER
OF ALL I SURVEYED..."



"...BUT OVER THE MILLENNIA THE RACES EVOLVED, GAINING STRENGTH AND INDEPENDENCE... THEY REVOLTED, AND I WAS DETHRONED!"





BECAUSE YOU DEMANDED IT!...

the FORTY FATHOMS IN FREEDOM FIGHTERS

EEL of FORTUNE

ROLL CALL

RAY



BIVALVE



BOTTLENOSE



P.B.
JELLYFISH



HEY!
I'D KNOW
THAT SLIMY
SILHOUETTE
ANYWHERE...

...IT'S
OUR OLD ENEMY,
OCTOBOT!*

* HEY, IT'S OCTOBOT! SONIC SELECT 1
SAYS HI -- AND SO DOES THE TAILS
MINISERIES, COMING SOON TO A SELECT
ISSUE NEAR YOU! - THE MANAGEMENT

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN
THESE WATERS, EIGHT-
BALL? CARRYING OUT
MORE OF ROBOTNIK'S
EVIL PLANS?

YUP! P.B. JELLYFISH! DON'T STING
ME...I'M JUST PASSING THROUGH
ON MY WAY OUT OF HERE!

